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Cabinet ratifies Wye deal

Arafat: PNC will annul anti-Israel clauses

By JEFF BARAK and DANNA HARMAN

The Palestine National Council (PNC) will vote to repeal the anti-Israel clauses in the Palestinian Covenant next month, Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat told a specially invited group of Israeli journalists in Ramallah last night.

The cabinet ratified the Wye Memorandum yesterday evening, setting the stage for a 13 percent withdrawal from the West Bank by the end of January.

In a vote of 8-4, with five abstentions, the cabinet declared Israel's intention to proceed with implementing the accord – but left open the option of halting the process if certain conditions are not met.



Yasser Arafat (Reuters)

These conditions are:

• that the PNC convene and vote to repeal the anti-Israel clauses in the covenant;

• that the third redeployment not exceed 9 percent;

• that the cabinet meet at each stage of the implementation process to assess the PA's fulfillment of its commitments, and reserve the right to halt progress if not satisfied with Palestinian efforts;

• that Israel retain the right to take any action it sees necessary, including annexing sections of the West Bank, if the PA unilaterally declares a state on May 4, 1999.

In hearings from an aide that the cabinet had ratified the Wye accord, Arafat broke into a huge smile and flashed a thumbs-up sign to all in the room in his Ramallah headquarters.

Speaking before Jerusalem announced the conditions the cabinet had placed on ratifying the agreement, Arafat also said that May 4 does not necessarily spell the end of the Oslo process.

Asked what he thought would happen on that date, he said: "May 4 is the end of the five-year period we agreed upon in Oslo. If there are other ideas, I'm ready to listen."

Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat belittled the cabinet ratification, telling The Voice of Palestine last night that "this ratification had come two weeks late" and that the conditions are absolutely unacceptable.

"We hope that the ratification will not be with no implementation, because the implementation is the base," said Erekat.

"These are not new conditions," Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu told a press conference after the cabinet endorsement. "We have asked for nothing above what was promised at Wye, and we will be satisfied with nothing less."

Netanyahu said he would permit the opening of the Palestinian airport next week and would also begin releasing Palestinian security prisoners at that time. In all, 750 Palestinians being held for security offenses are to be freed by January.

To sweeten what many on the far Right consider a very bitter pill, Netanyahu indicated that the tenders for building on Har Homa would be issued soon.

"Look at the papers this week," he suggested, when asked when this would happen.

In addition, the security cabinet is to meet today to discuss beginning construction on 12 new bypass roads, including the Arub road – which will mean the confiscation of much Palestinian land.

Over the past two weeks, with Netanyahu postponing the cabinet debate three times, and halting it completely after Friday's bombing in Jerusalem, the US has urged Israel to try and stick to the original timetable of the agreement.

And while some US officials privately expressed something akin to incredulity that the government would set conditions to an already signed agreement, which officially went into effect last Monday, the official line is that the US is pleased with the progress being made on the Israeli side.

US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, in a statement, welcomed the cabinet's decision as an important step forward in the peace process.

"With that decision having been made, she believes all concerned must now proceed to implement the agreement as quickly as possible," State Department spokesman James Rubin said. He made no reference to the Israeli conditions.

US President Bill Clinton spoke with Netanyahu on Tuesday night about the agreement and about the US showdown with Iraq over weapons inspections.

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US strike on Iraq likely - Ivry

Public urged to update chemical warfare kits as precaution

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN, DANNA HARMAN and HILLEL KUTTLER

In light of what Israeli defense officials see as an inevitable US strike on Iraq, Israel has ordered the Home Front Command to gradually reopen all of its gas mask distribution centers and urged the public to update its chemical warfare protection kits.

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai's special adviser, David Ivry, said in a statement yesterday that the current situation "indicates a high probability of an American attack on Iraq."

But senior defense officials stressed that the probability of an Iraqi Scud attack on Israel was "next to zero," and the steps were merely a precaution. Israelis were urged to continue with their normal lives.

US readies for war, Page 2

In a new travel advisory, US citizens were told they may want to leave Israel and the Palestinian areas because of the situation in the Gulf.

In Washington, the State Department authorized the departure of employees in non-essential positions, the advisory said. Larry Schwartz, the spokesman for the US Embassy in Tel Aviv, said that non-essential persons and dependents could leave if they wanted, but he knew of no plans for any departures from the embassy or the consulate in Jerusalem.

The advisory said that the United States has not ruled out any options in trying to get Iraq to comply with a UN-mandated weapons inspections program.

"Iraq's continued defiance of the will of the international community... is heightening the level of risk to American citizens in the Middle East," the statement said.

The move to redistribute protection kits in Israel came as US Secretary of Defense William Cohen ordered a major buildup of US military forces in the Persian Gulf, and President Bill Clinton warned Iraqi President Saddam Hussein that time was running out for him to comply with UN demands to cooperate with weapons inspectors.

In Baghdad, Hussein assembled his generals and ministers, but showed no sign of ending his defiance of UN arms inspections.

UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan cut short a North Africa trip to return to New York to deal with the crisis, which diplomats predicted could explode into military action as early as next week.

Cohen, who has been in close touch with Mordechai over the last 48 hours, signed an order for 129 additional aircraft, including bombers and stealth jets, to deploy in the Gulf along with more than 3,000 troops.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said last night that he was in continuous touch with the Americans and had spoken at some length with Clinton on Tuesday about the growing crisis.

"We're examining the situation, and the various implications of what is developing," Netanyahu told reporters in Jerusalem. "Israel understands it has a grave responsibility to take all the steps to defend itself and its citizens and it never fails to do so."

Netanyahu added that Israeli already had "experience with this sort of situation," and that the government was looking into all of its options. "When necessary, we will give all relevant instructions, but there is no point to make statements prematurely."

Asked if Israel had made clear to the US that it retained its right to protect itself in the case of an Iraqi attacks, Netanyahu said: "Israel has all the means needed to defend itself."

A special envoy of Jordan's King Hussein, Jawad Annani, met with Netanyahu and Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon yesterday, and officials in Amman said the envoy apparently asked Israel to remain on the sidelines.



Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu gives a thumb-up to the Wye Memorandum at a press conference in Jerusalem yesterday, as Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon waits to make a statement. The cabinet endorsed the accord after a seven-hour session. (AP)

Mordechai was absent for most of the special Wye Memorandum ratification cabinet session yesterday, dealing with the Gulf crisis from military headquarters in Tel Aviv. He gathered senior IDF and Defense Ministry officials for consultations and passed on the inner cabinet's decision to reopen the gas mask distribution centers.

Mordechai gave his full backing to the United States, and the Defense Ministry said it and the IDF are in constant communication with their US colleagues on the matter.

"Israel supports the policy of the United States not to allow the development of non-conventional weapons in the region and to restore the significant UNSCOM inspection of Iraqi installations," Mordechai said in a statement.

Ivry, a former director-general of the Defense Ministry and commander of the Air Force, said the timing and scope of a US attack was still not known. The US has reportedly told Israel it would give it prior warning of any military strike.

Speaking to military reporters last night in Tel Aviv, Ivry stressed that Israel is not a part in the conflict and that Saddam does not have an interest to reveal the weapons in his possession.

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Prospect of US attack on Iraq greater now than since Gulf War

ANALYSIS

By DAVID RUDGE

The prospect of a large-scale US military strike against Iraq is greater now than at any time since the Gulf War, according to Prof. Gerald Steinberg, a leading expert on US defense policy.

There is also a strong possibility that the US, with the support of Great Britain, may launch attacks without any warning, said Steinberg, of Bar-Ilan University's Begin-Sadat Center for Strategic Studies.

He said the evacuation yesterday of most of the UN's team of weapons inspectors and support personnel from Baghdad was also an indication that an attack might be pending.

The diplomatic situation on the international level, and the political atmosphere in the US itself, are more conducive now than a few months ago to US President Bill Clinton getting tough with Saddam Hussein, he said.

"The US, in the last Iraqi crisis in February, did not feel that it had enough international support for military action," Steinberg said. "The Clinton administration agreed then to the mediation efforts of UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan, because it was felt that if Iraq subsequently violated an agreement, it would be easier to get at least the acquiescence of the other [permanent] members of the Security Council – France, Russia and China [Great Britain already supported an attack].

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Big parties big losers in municipal council races

By SARAH HONIG

While the Labor and the Likud parties yesterday claimed overall victory in Tuesday's mayoral contests, returns from municipal councils showed unequivocally that both large parties were routed.

The rise of the smaller national lists and a large variety of local homespun factions has reinvigorated the campaign to change the direct elections system for prime minister.

Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon has come out strongly for a return to proportional representation without an additional vote for the prime minister, and coalition whip Meir Sheetrit suggested fining those who do not bother to go to the polls.

In the large cities, Likud and Labor basically found their representation on municipal councils at least halved, while parties like Meretz and Shas doubled their council representations in many places.

A host of smaller lists also bit into Likud and Labor support.

Of the national lists, Shas, Yisrael Ba'aliya and Meretz emerged the big winners. This was Yisrael Ba'aliya's debut in the municipal arena.

Tichon argued that "we are witnessing no less than the shattering of the political framework. This is a dreadful disaster for Israeli public life and democracy. With the direct election system – be it for the prime minister or mayors – a Balkanization of Israeli politics is occurring before our very eyes."

He predicted that by the next Knesset elections the large parties, which now have over 30 MKs each, will shrink to 20 or less, and the downward slide will not stop there if the system remains unamended.

"This is bound to influence the makeup of the coalitions. More and more slivers of factions will be needed to gain a bare majority, and this will give inordinate power to each MK. The prime minister will be held for ransom. A coalition of a dozen or more parties under the direct election system is a sure recipe for chaos. We will have a system gone out of control if we don't press hard on the brakes now."

Tichon supports the notion of raising the electoral threshold to the Knesset to five percent, and he also proposed that bills to dissolve the House and call for early elections be outlawed so as to limit the powers of extortion of the small lists.

To his mind there must also be amendments in the rules for no-confidence motions. If he has his way, it will no longer be possible to merely propose no confidence. The motion will have to be accompanied by a proposal of an alternative coalition.

Both in Labor and the Likud these ideas were not rejected out of hand, but it was argued that they would not survive through the Knesset's legislative process, as they are counter to the interests of the small parties.

Tichon opposes another notion raised by Sheetrit, where Israel would take a leaf out of the Belgian and Australian practice of making voting mandatory. Failure to cast a ballot would be punished by a fine.

Sheetrit said that "part of the reason the small lists are making such headway lies in the fact that they have a fanatic following, while the large parties are stymied by apathy. One way to combat this is to get the voters out to the polls by making it a citizen's duty, no less than paying taxes."

However, there was broad opposition to this in both the large parties.

Shas leader Aryeh Deri also rejected the idea. He reported that his party "increased its representation on the Jerusalem city council by 170%, in Tel Aviv by 300%, and in Holon by 200%. This stems from a show of political maturity by the public, which concentrated on local issues rather than on Likud or Labor labels.

"This election had nothing to do with the the large parties' ideologies," Deri said. "Beersheba is a case in point. Ya'acov Terner's No. 2 is the Likud's Andre Uzan, and Science Minister Silvan Shalom of the Likud helped Terner. Party affiliation means little in local contests."

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Mayors to face demanding, unruly councillors

ANALYSIS

By SARAH HONIG

Once the flush of victory begins to pale and the winners of Tuesday's elections try tackling the tasks ahead, they may encounter difficulties of a magnitude that none of their predecessors could even have imagined.

The fact of the matter is that Israel's cities and towns have become nearly ungovernable. New and returning mayors will have to squander much of their energies in debasing – and quite likely corrupting – haggling.

While – contrary to partisan claims – triumphs in various mayoral bouts signify little regarding the next prime ministerial showdown, the far less prestigious local council contests are extremely meaningful nationally.

Since yesterday, almost without exception, we find councils full of diminutive political splinters, whereas the large (though already somewhat shrunken) Likud and Labor contingents have been wiped out.

This may instill cheer in some libertarian hearts, but the result is far from a boost for local democracy. The small sectarian groupings that felled the two giants come with their own sets of vested interests. They will press hard for what are their raisons d'etre. Split tickets gave them the power to extort.

This week's crop of mayors will have an impossible time putting together credible and stable coalitions. To get anything done they will have to engage in daily rounds of give and take. They will have to make deals and pay off numerous coalition partners or their administrations will be paralyzed. Despite the previews thus far, we simply ain't seen nothing yet.

Thus Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert was swept back into office in a landslide. But his list – a combination of Likud representatives, Labor defectors and independents – won only three seats on the 31-member council. The Labor list will have two. An unofficial maverick Likud list didn't even cross the threshold. Haredi factions account for nearly half the council. Meretz and other leftist lists will have far more councilmen than the two big parties lumped together. Meretz chipped away at Labor support and Shas into the Likud's.

In Tel Aviv, even Meretz suffered from this phenomenon, when Dor Shalom carved into its well-heeled North Tel Aviv constituency, despite its rhetoric about coming to the aid of slum dwellers. The Greens also did Meretz damage in yuppie sections of town.

Herein lies the real message these elections have delivered to the national arena.

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NEWS

in brief

Agency events to continue as scheduled

Despite the travel advisory issued by the US government yesterday, programming for "The Month of the Jewish Agency, the Diaspora, and the Jewish People" will continue as planned, the agency announced last night.

Hundreds of Jewish community leaders from around the world, including the US, are here to participate in the various special events. Jewish Agency chairman Avraham Burg called last night on world Jewry to demonstrate solidarity with Israel at this critical time by increasing its visits here. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

US trade secretary in Jordan for talks

US Trade Secretary William Daley arrived in Jordan yesterday at the start of a Middle East tour to promote closer economic ties.

Daley met with Crown Prince Hassan to discuss the possibilities of increasing trade with Jordan, and is scheduled to hold talks today with Prime Minister Fayez Tarawneh and inspect facilities at a joint Jordanian-Israeli trade zone that exports tax-free goods to the United States. Daley is also expected to visit Israel, the Palestinian territories, Lebanon and Egypt. *AP*

US to convene meeting to raise funds for PA

The US-organized international meeting to support Palestinian economic development will take place in Washington on November 30 and will be at the level of foreign ministers, sources said. At the event, the US and Israel will also make a push for the revival of the multilateral negotiations on regional issues.

Ambassador to the US Zalman Shoval met on Tuesday with the European Union ambassadors to update them on the developments since the Wye accord signing. He also urged them to assist Jordan economically, an Israeli official said.

When the Wye accord was reached, the US announced plans to seek further international assistance for the Palestinians. The previous such effort occurred in October 1993, following the Oslo I signing. *Hillel Kuttler*

Insurance advance on Holocaust claims

Six European insurance companies yesterday agreed to deposit a total of $90 million into an account as proof of their intent to settle Holocaust-era claims.

The decision came at a meeting in London of the International Commission on Holocaust Era Insurance Claims, which is chaired by former US secretary of state Lawrence Eagleburger.

The commission has set itself a two-year limit to resolve hundreds of thousands of claims, but Eagleburger stressed that "it is my objective to get this done in less than two years." *Douglas Davis*

US readies for war against Iraq

WASHINGTON (Reuters) – US forces yesterday girded for war against Iraq, where President Saddam Hussein assembled his generals and ministers but showed no sign of ending his defiance of UN arms inspections.

The United Nations, Britain, and the United States began moving their staff in Iraq and neighboring countries out of harm's way as Washington announced a major build-up of weapons and troops in the Gulf.

President Bill Clinton said Iraq has to be made to comply with the UN program to dismantle its weapons of mass destruction, but Arab nations and Security Council member Russia said they oppose any use of force.

UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan cut short a North Africa trip to return to New York to deal with the crisis, which diplomats predicted could explode into military action as early as next week.

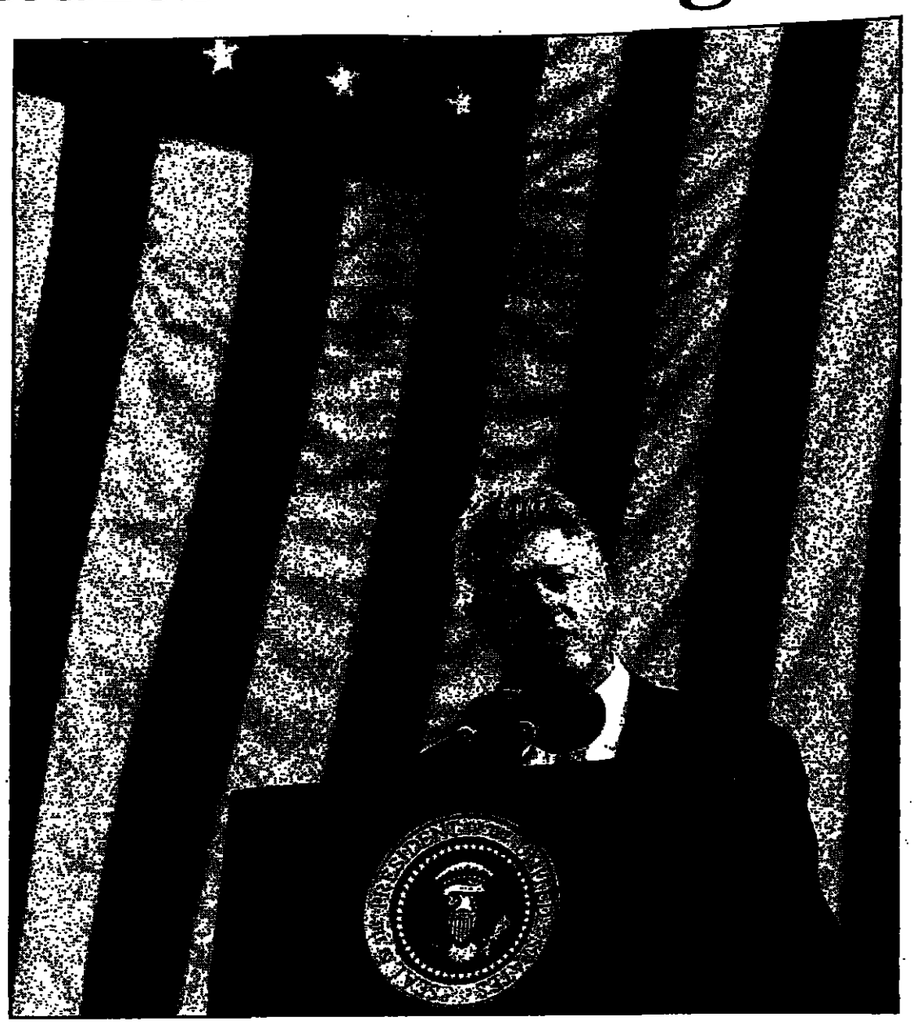
"We continue to hope, indeed pray, that Saddam will comply [with UN inspections]," Clinton said in an Arlington National Cemetery speech marking Veterans' Day, which honors US war dead. "But we must be prepared to act if he does not."

Defense Secretary William Cohen, who has been in close touch with his Israeli counterpart over the last 48 hours, signed an order for 129 additional aircraft, including bombers and stealth jets, to deploy in the Gulf along with more than 3,000 troops.

In Baghdad, Saddam convened a meeting of his cabinet and top military commanders to discuss the latest impasse, sparked nearly two weeks ago when Iraq ended cooperation with inspectors trying to enforce compliance with UN resolutions ordering the eradication of Iraqi nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons.

Iraq has demanded a review of sanctions imposed on it in 1990 after it invaded Kuwait, sparking the brief but decisive Gulf War early in 1991 in which a broad alliance of Western and Middle Eastern states forced Baghdad's surrender.

But yesterday two of the staunchest Arab members of the 1991 alliance, Egypt and Saudi Arabia, said diplomacy should be used and not force.



President Bill Clinton gives a Veterans' Day address yesterday at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia. (AP)

Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov said in Moscow only a political solution was possible. "Any use of force would not only render the situation in the Gulf more difficult, but there would be far-reaching consequences across the whole of the Middle East."

Chief UN arms inspector Richard Butler gave one of the clearest signals of US intentions, saying he had pulled all his foreign staff – about 100 people – out of Iraq at the "strong recommendation" of Washington.

Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tareq Aziz said the withdrawal of Butler's UN Special Commission (UNSCOM) staff only served to back Baghdad's contention that the UN inspectors are biased against it.

"In light of the American threat to launch a military aggression ... the decision of UNSCOM fully proves once again that UNSCOM acts in accordance with the orders of the government of the United States," Aziz said.

The UN envoy in Baghdad, Prakash Shah, quoted Aziz as having told him Iraq has no intention of yielding to US pressure. "They would not be able to desist from their decision unless the Security Council takes some action regarding sanctions," Shah quoted Aziz as saying.

In New York, the Security Council scheduled consultations at the request of Russia, which wants Butler to explain the UNSCOM pullout.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair backed Clinton's stand, telling parliament that if Saddam thinks the world community lacks the will to act, "he is seriously and profoundly wrong."

In Jerusalem, the government said it would take "precautions as necessary." Israel Radio said there would be no mass distribution of gas masks, but residents should exchange old masks for new ones. Israel was hit by Iraqi Scud missiles in the 1991 Gulf War.

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"Saddam as usual is walking a tight rope and sometimes he slips," Ivry said. "We have to prepare ourselves."

Security sources said last night that it is believed that Saddam has squirreled away a few dozen Al-Hussein Scud-Cs and about five missile launchers. The assessment in Israel is that Saddam will only attack Israel if he feels his life is in danger.

Israel is adamant that Iraq continues to hide the truth about its biological and chemical warfare capabilities as well as its efforts to quietly maintain its nuclear weapons program.

This estimate is similar to the assessment held throughout the year and expressed during the previous crisis with Iraq in February.

In Washington, a Pentagon spokesman said more Patriot missile defense batteries will be deployed in the region, but did not reveal where or how many. But there have been reports that the US will send Patriots to Israel from Europe.

The vast majority of Israelis living in the Tel Aviv area updated their gas masks during the previous crisis with Iraq in February. Still, Maj.-Gen. Dan Halutz, assistant to the deputy chief of staff and general staff operations, said that some 25 percent of the public has not renewed its kits.

The Home Front will today gradually reopen its 105 gas masks distribution centers, first in the Tel Aviv area and later in small towns on the periphery. Yesterday only 30 stations had been opened with about 2,000 people renewing their gas masks daily. The IDF has also called up reservists needed for the project.

Halutz said that the Home Front Command has a lack of Respro Protective hoods for children, known in Hebrew as "Bardas." The masks are meant for children between the ages of 3 and 8 and it is believed that many families keep these instead of turning them in after their children outgrow them because they are more comfortable than gas masks. The army has called for these to be updated or returned.

Cohen and Mordechai spoke for a second time in two days yesterday about the US-Iraqi tensions. An Israeli Embassy official in Washington said the two discussed "coordination between the two sides on what's happening" in the region.

"We know the experience of what happened eight years ago. Although a chance of an Iraqi strike against Israel is much lower, we have to be prepared," he said.

Israel did not request specific American military assistance, a source here said. But as an outgrowth of the "intensive" dialogue between the sides since the Iraqi crisis almost led to war last winter, there is a "readiness, a willingness" by the Americans "to send equipment if there's a need," he added.

The Chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, Uzi Landau (Likud), said there is no reason for the Israeli public to panic over the latest crisis between Iraq and the UN.

"Everybody in the Middle East always has a cause for concern, but I don't think we have a reason to be particularly worried. There is no reason for a repeat of the panic of last year," he said.

"Iraq does not at the moment see Israel as an enemy or card it can use against the US. Its main concern is getting the UN inspectors out. The minute they threaten us they will be admitting in effect that they have a large amount of non-conventional weapons and they will be very cautious of doing this if they want to get rid of the inspectors."

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat warned yesterday against an American strike against Iraq, saying it would harm the peace process. He said he hoped Annan would be entrusted with negotiating a solution to the crisis.

Liat Collins and news agencies contributed to this report.

MAYORS

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Insiders in all parties are convinced that this is but a foretaste of what will happen in the next Knesset elections. The primary fights for safe Knesset slots will become even more vicious because in the large parties nothing beyond the tenth slot would be secure. National leaders may well find themselves out of the Knesset.

"This will not be a picture of democracy in action but of near anarchy," maintains Likud deputy minister Michael Eitan. "The country, not just its municipalities, may prove to be ungovernable. Shas will hit the Likud, Meretz will stun Labor. Yet tinier lists will snipe at Meretz and Shas heels."

The solution suggested by Labor Party chairman Ehud Barak only provoked guffaws in his own party. To his mind the best way would be not to run on the old tickets but in broad, new ostensibly independent blocs.

But Labor MK Dalia Itzik said that "the public will see through superficial disguises and name changes. The prime ministerial candidate will need the party machinery to handle his campaign and the winner will need a strong Knesset faction."

If anything, continued fellow Laborite Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, "the large parties ought to be given immediate first aid."

The belief in both the Likud and Labor yesterday was that Tuesday's rout of the large parties is resulting in many converts for the pending bill to abolish the direct election of the prime minister.

Communications Minister Limor Livnat even dared utter the unmentionable yesterday when she argued that "perhaps the time has come for second thoughts about direct mayoral ballots, too. Clearly the system which was to rid us of blackmail by small lists has grotesquely achieved the precise opposite."

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Such contentions, however, did not keep Laborites from seizing on Terner's victory in Beersheba and indicating a mood swing nationwide.

"It is wrong to say that what goes on locally is meaningless nationally," Labor Party leader Ehud Barak said. "We had a great victory in the largest and fattest catches of this campaign, and the Likud knows it. Netanyahu's letter to the Beersheba voters linking the local race to national issues is a case in point."

Both Netanyahu's office and the Likud spokeswoman insisted that the letter was a forgery.

Communications Minister Limor Livnat added that "true, Labor won in Beersheba, but we had a problem there. Our popular mayor, Yitzhak Rager, died little over a year ago. David Bunfeld was his replacement. Terner turned out to be a more successful candidate. But if that win is significant nationwide, why not point to our victory in Netanya, where Miriam Fireburg will become the first directly elected woman mayor."

Livnat also said that Netanya in a larger win, because Netanya has 129,000 eligible voters and Beersheba 125,000.

Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi said he doesn't know "what country Labor is talking about. Here the Likud continues to be in power in the great majority of cities and towns, and when it comes to population numbers, more people live in Likud-led localities. The mayoral races constitute a distinct Likud success story. We failed in Tel Aviv because we had no candidate there, but it should be noted how well we did in development towns, despite high unemployment rates."

Labor Municipal Campaign chairman Binyamin Ben-Eliezer said, "These elections will give a morale boost to Labor. The big loser is Binyamin Netanyahu."

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"We now appear to be in that situation. The Iraqi regime has flagrantly violated the agreement that was reached with Annan in March to allow unrestricted access of UN weapons inspectors to suspected sites.

"Furthermore, Clinton has a freer hand to act now, after the elections in the US in which the Democrats came out strongly, and gain public support for any action against Iraq," Steinberg said.

"This situation did not exist in the summer. The Republicans now have much less ability to criticize him and are under stronger political pressure to support any decision he might take to strike at Iraq than, say, at the height of the Monica Lewinsky affair and prior to the elections.

"It is also the last opportunity that the Americans have in this cycle to show that they are serious," he said. "If they do not react now to end Saddam's cat-and-mouse games, which have been going on five or six years, then Saddam, with UN activities on Iraq basically frozen, would be free to resume all his weapons of mass destruction programs without any obstruction. Given six months of unfettered production time, this would become a major threat to the region.

"In such circumstances, sanctions against Saddam would also become less and less effective, because countries and companies wanting to do business with Iraq would start to do so because they would not see any strong US or international opposition."

Steinberg said that the US, despite its experience with Saddam, would still prefer a diplomatic solution – primarily because of the difficulties in deciding on the kind of targets for a strike that would make Saddam more amenable or topple him completely.

"The problem facing the Americans is what would happen if Saddam were to emerge unscathed and as resolute as ever after a military strike, which in itself is considered a last resort. The US would not have accomplished anything, and Saddam would become more of a focus for anti-American and anti-Western ideologies," he said.

Steinberg said that if the Clinton administration did decide to use force, the targets would be chosen very carefully, to cause maximum harm to Saddam's regime.

It is also likely that attacks would be launched without further warnings, to prevent Saddam from establishing "human shields" or mobilizing whatever remained of his Scud missiles.

Steinberg said it was unlikely that Saddam would try and attack Israel in the event of a US military strike against Iraq, although the possibility could not be ruled out.

"Saddam is aware of the fact that any sustained or non-conventional weapons attack on Israel would result in an Israeli response, which would in turn pose a direct threat

ARAFAT

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In the cabinet vote yesterday, the ministers who voted for the ratification of the agreement were: Netanyahu, Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon, Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky, Interior Minister Eliyahu Suissa, Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai, Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani, and Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman.

Those against were Agriculture Minister Rafael Eitan, Education Minister Yitzhak Levy, Transportation Minister Saul Yahalom, and Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein.

Communications Minister Limor Livnat, Science Minister Silvan Shalom, Tourism Minister Moshe Katsav, Health Minister Yehoshua Matza, and Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi abstained.

Sharon, who had originally spoken out strongly against any deal involving a 13% redeployment, called the accord "the lesser evil."

Arafat, meanwhile, warned that Iranian elements, led by Iran's spiritual leader Ayatollah Khamenei, are spreading incitement within the PA and had threatened his life and that of other PA leaders.

Arafat insisted that the PNC had already annulled the covenant in 1996, "but if it is necessary, we'll do it again," he said.

APOLOGY

The Jerusalem Post incorrectly reported on November 2 that Moshe Sanbar had been a member of the board of directors of the Migdal insurance company.

While Sanbar was chairman of Bank Leumi, and for many years previous to this, Leumi held 72% of Migdal's shares. Since leaving Bank Leumi three-and-a-half years ago, Sanbar has had no business or any other relationship with the Leumi group, and Generali acquired ownership of Migdal after Sanbar left Bank Leumi.

Sanbar has no business or any other relationship with Generali.

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Photo finish in Beit She'an

By DAVID RUDGE

After a lengthy and at times volatile election campaign in Beit She'an, the contest for the mayoralty between Gesher candidate Jackie Levy and veteran Labor Party member Pini Kabalo has yet to be decided.

Both candidates won more than 40 percent of the poll, with Kabalo slightly ahead – by just 18 votes.

The final result will be known in a few days when all the votes cast by soldiers have been counted and probably recounted.

The election race was marked by the blessing Kabalo, the long-serving head of the Histadrut's Labor council in Beit She'an, received from Shas's kabalistic sage Rabbi Kadouri.

This in turn led to a denouncement by Gesher leader David Levy of what he described as the exploitation of religious figures for political purposes.

Kabalo was optimistic yesterday that results of the soldiers' votes would not change the outcome of the actual poll, and he would become the new mayor of Beit She'an.

The Levy family, meanwhile, put on a brave face with the hope that the final count would swing the result in favor of Jackie Levy.

Whoever wins at the end of the day, however, will face an uphill task of trying to rehabilitate a council crippled with debts and in desperate need of more than just a new broom to revitalize the development town.

Beersheba Anglos hope for best with Terner

By HEIDI J. GLEIT

Beersheba Mayor-elect Ya'acov Terner is ready to get to work, though he doesn't take office for another three weeks.



Ya'acov Terner (Isaac Harari)

"The elections are over and Beersheba is returning to everyday life. All the conflict and tension of election day is behind us," Terner said, in a statement yesterday.

"We anticipate the future, a clean Beersheba, with correct and upright administration. The academic level of the residents here will rise. The use of extracurricular time for informal education and culture by children and adults will rise as well.

"Beersheba will be not only a city that people love, but also are proud to live in, that will promote tourism, nurture its young people, and will invest in the advancement of the old neighborhoods. The environment and ecology will be high priority," he said.

Terner volunteer Esther Sharon, who spent the early hours of yesterday counting ballots, said that this was the first time she had gotten involved in an election campaign.

"We needed a person like Terner who has the connections he has. I think once and for all, we're [the Negev] going to start getting attention," she said.

Ethelea Katzenell, who was part of a delegation that asked Terner to run for Beersheba mayor in the early '80s and got a negative reply, had mixed feelings about his victory.

"I initially turned to Terner when I thought he was a good man for the job. I was disappointed that he turned us down, and the disappointment still stands," she said, adding that now that he's the mayor she will support him fully.

Katzenell also noted that Shimon DeWinter, the only Anglo-Saxon on the Beersheba City Council, did not win a seat.

DeWinter, who had been very involved in plans to connect Beersheba to Tel Aviv with a high-speed train, was number six on Rahel Levy's Tzach list, which only won two seats.

"I hope he gets to stay on the committee. I hope he's still involved," Katzenell said.

Terner's list won seven seats on city council, but the Labor list won only one seat. Yisrael Ba'aliya won five and another immigrant party also got a seat. The Likud and Shas each got three seats.

One of the mayor-elect's first appearances may be at the AACI's English song contest tonight, Nancy Jelinek, director of the AACI Southern Region, said yesterday.

"We're looking forward to a positive relationship with him," she said. "Terner recognizes the value of what the Anglos can contribute to the city."

Jelinek added that she hopes that he will help the AACI expand its English library and develop jobs that will attract more Anglos to the region.

In nearby Omer, Mayor Pini Badash (Tsomet) won with almost 70 percent of the vote.

His list got five seats on city council, while the Labor list got two seats, and the new Shalom List got two seats.

Shas gains at bigger parties' expense

By ELLI WOHLGELERNTER

If Tuesday's elections is a harbinger of the future, then results in Jerusalem show two trends developing: the decline of the two major parties, Labor and Likud, and the rise of the Shas Party.

While Mayor Ehud Olmert won handily, as expected, with 61.2 percent of the mayoral vote, his United Jerusalem list received only 6.6% of the vote, worth three seats, compared with the five he won in 1993.

At the same time, One Jerusalem's Shimon Shetreet garnered 23% of the vote for mayor – surprising the pre-election political pollsters who predicted 16% – yet the party received only 6% of the total vote, netting two seats, down from the six won in '93.

"The results are an indication of the collapse of the big parties," Shetreet said, "which is especially true for Jerusalem. Olmert received only 1,000 more votes for his list than for mine – incredible! This was really the collapse of the big parties."

One explanation could be the 25 parties that ran lists for city council, many with single-issue platforms that appealed to their narrow constituency that turned out to vote. Their drawing away seats from Likud and Labor has resulted in an abandoning of their ideology to maintain political power, according to MK and Jerusalemite Ruby Rivlin (Likud).

"They are giving up everything they believe in, they are selling everything they can sell, in order to achieve the position," Rivlin said, "which actually does not bring them real power and the role of leadership. They sell out everything to those parties... and it shows that the Likud and Labor parties are losing their standing as major movements of the Zionist movement, and of the political map of Israel."

Olmert, he said, as head of a list that finished only sixth in the race, "is a hostage in the hands of the members of council, and although he is mayor of Jerusalem, actually is bound to the ambitions and to the whims of every one of them.

"He can be proud of being elected, but he has to remember that in order to reach the task he put in front of him, he actually has sold everything that belongs to his party, to his movement, and to his beliefs of how Jerusalem should look and how Jerusalem should be developed in the next five years."

While the total turnout in the capital was 40%, among the haredi voters it was 90%, resulting in an increase in the haredi and religious block from 13 seats to 15. The biggest gainer was Shas, which went from two to five seats.

"They were very well organized, and they have copied their achievements in the national parliament into the Jerusalem scene," Shetreet said, adding that they "must have received support from traditional groups, not only from the haredi groups," to score 14.4% of the vote.



Ehud Olmert (Flash 90)

Moshe Hammer, an aide to Deputy Mayor Haim Miller, said that secular fear of a haredi takeover of the city is groundless, and that if secular Jews want to leave the city, he can't stop them.

The second biggest bloc after the religious parties are the two left-wing secular parties, Meretz and the Meretz breakaway faction led by Councilman Ornan Yekutieli. Those two parties together netted 17.8% of the vote, and seven seats, up from four in '93.

But perhaps the biggest story was not who was voted for, but who voted, or, more accurately, who didn't. Around 60% of the city's residents voted "no thanks," electing to stay home rather than exercise their democratic right.

Councilwoman Anat Hoffman (Meretz) said the malaise of the voting pubic was something that goes back three years, to the assassination of prime minister Yitzhak Rabin.

"I think we're still sitting shiva," she said, "I have no other explanation. When I talk to people who didn't vote, some said it was a technical thing – the booths weren't open at 7, they couldn't get there before it closed, there was a long line, they couldn't find their ID – but so many said, 'What difference does it make, why should I invest in it, I'm one little vote, the city is doomed anyway.'"

Shas leader Aryeh Deri (right) and Interior Minister Eli Suissa (left) and their supporters celebrate Shas' election victories at their headquarters last night. (Flash 90)

Jerusalem City Council

Party/ Mandates	
Yisrael Ba'aliya/Degel Hatorah	7
Shas	5
Jerusalem Now (Ornan Yekutieli)	4
National Religious Party	3
Meretz (Naomi Chazan)	3
United Jerusalem (Ehud Olmert)	3
One Jerusalem	2
Communities for Jerusalem	2
I'm a Jerusalemite (Yehoram Gaon)	1
There is a Future in Jerusalem	1

Yisrael Ba'aliya celebrates success in elections

By LIAT COLLINS

Looking happy and confident, Yisrael Ba'aliya leader and Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky held a press conference in the Knesset yesterday to celebrate his party's success in the local elections.

"We're on the map and we're staying on the map," Sharansky said, using the catchphrase coined by Maccabi Tel Aviv captain Tal Brody after Maccabi upset CSKA Moscow at the European Club Basketball Championships in 1977.

Eighty-eight Yisrael Ba'aliya representatives were elected to 46 towns and regional councils, including two Druse representatives in Sajur and Rama in the North.

Under coalition agreements, Yisrael Ba'aliya will receive deputy mayor positions in 16 places.

Its biggest wins were in Beersheba and Ashkelon (five seats each); Haifa and Rishon Lezion (four seats each); and Acre, Afula, Kiryat Yam, Netanya, Bat Yam, Bnei Ayish, Beit Shemesh, Mitzpe Ramon, Netivot and Sderot (three each).

"It's clear that almost every place where there was a coalition with us, it won," said Sharansky, adding that the party's immediate priority is to reduce post electoral tension.

Asked whether the murder of an immigrant soldier who was apparently killed for insulting his attacker's girlfriend in Russia had affected the vote, Sharansky said it had added to the feeling of distress felt by some immigrants.

He also said that a story in *Ha'aretz* implying the party was using the murder as a gimmick made him for the first time call an editor to complain.

Absorption and Immigration Minister Yuli Edelstein noted that the soldier's hometown of *Kiryat Malachi was one of the few places where the party did not even pass the threshold.*

Asked about the implications of the success for national elections, Sharansky said that "we don't want to speed up the process for new elections, but they were never a threat for us. There is no doubt that if someone thought we were just a passing phase they are mistaken."

Edelstein said the support for the party in the local elections shows its voters in the last national election were not disappointed with its performance.

Meretz doubles strength on local councils

By LIAT COLLINS

Meretz doubled its strength in the local elections, party leader Yossi Sarid told his MKs yesterday.

The number of Meretz candidates elected had increased from 43 in the 1993 local elections to at least 80, Sarid said in a faction meeting.

The final number depends on surplus agreements.

Both Sarid and party secretary-general Benny Temkin described the election results as "a great achievement for Meretz" and said that in many places Meretz had become either the largest or second largest faction on the council, rising above the factions of the big Knesset parties.

"Because of the almost obsessive attention paid to Shas, people and the media failed to really notice that the biggest electoral success belongs to Meretz," Sarid said. "I don't know any other party which doubled its strength."

While praising MK Naomi Chazan for stepping in at the last moment as head of the Meretz list in Jerusalem, both Sarid and Temkin criticized as unnecessary the split in the party "for personal reasons."

They were referring to Ornan Yekutieli, who broke away from Meretz and led a separate list, which won four seats while Meretz won three.

They also both criticized the secular public in Jerusalem, which did not turn out en masse to vote.

"Most of these people will continue to complain about everything, but they did not find fit to spend 10 minutes on saving Jerusalem from the haredim," Sarid said.

He also complained that in Tel Aviv several other parties had run on the traditional Meretz platform.

Stressing the party's success, Meretz whip Haim Oron gave as examples the results in Herzliya, where it increased its number of seats from two to seven; Hod Hasharon, where it jumped from none to five; Hadera, from one to three; and Kfar Saba, where it doubled from two to four.

Several Meretz MKs noted that after a poor start, Herzliya mayoral candidate Yael German had succeeded in getting the most votes and is leading in the race which will be determined in a second round.

MK Ran Cohen noted the larger turnout than before in Ofakim and in needy neighborhoods in the big cities, such as 12% of the vote to Meretz in Tel Aviv's Neveh Sharett. He said this was a sign of support for the Public Housing Law which he sponsored.

"If I had to think of a good start to the electoral campaign for the Knesset I couldn't have hoped for one better than this," said Temkin. "I hope they [the general elections] come soon."

Who's who in town

TOWN	MAYOR	%
Aablin:	Yusef Haidar	53
Abu Ghosh:	Jabbar Salim	53
Acre:	Shmaryahu Biran (Labor)	55
Azur:	Amnon Zach (Labor)	55
Basmat Tivon:	Muhammad Yasin Zuvidat	19
Be'er Ya'acov:	Yoav Rafael (Likud)	49
Beersheba	Ya'acov Terner (independent, Labor-backed)	59
Beit Dagan:	Eliyahu Dadon	59
Beit Shemesh:	Danny Vaknin (Likud)	63
Binyamina:	Arye Zeitooni (Labor)	50
Bnei Ayish:	Marek Besin	43
Daburia:	Azaiza Faisal	57
Daliat al-Carmel:	Ramzi Halabi	43
Dimona:	Gabi Lalouche (Likud)	47
Dir Hana:	Samir Hussien	53
Eilat:	Gabi Kadosh (Likud)	48
Gan Yavne:	Moshe Elkaslasi (Labor)	48
Ganei Tikva:	Avishai Levin	71
Gedera:	Eliyahu Radia (Likud)	36
Givat Ada:	Aminadav Argov	38
Givat Shmuel:	Zamir Ben-Ari (Likud)	50
Givatayim:	Effie Stenzler (Labor)	52
Hadera:	Yisrael Sadan	61
Haifa	Amram Mitzna (Labor)	64
Holon:	Motti Sasson (Labor)	51
Iksal:	Shalbi Muhammad	55
Jerusalem:	Ehud Olmert (Likud)	61
Metulla:	Kobi Katz	51
Mevasseret Zion:	Eli Mouyal	47
Mizpe Ramon:	Dror Dabash (Likud)	55
Nahariya:	Jackie Sabag	48
Nazareth:	Jaraisi Ramo	52
Nesher:	David Amar (Likud)	79
Ness Ziona:	Yosef Shabo	79
Netanya:	Miriam Fierburg (Likud)	48
Netivot:	Yehiel Zohar (Likud)	54
Neveh Efraim:	Yosef Kastel	85
Ofakim:	Hazan Yair (Likud)	54
Or Akiva:	Ya'acov Edri (Likud)	64
Or Yehuda:	Yitzhak Zuriel Buchobza (Likud)	59
Petah Tikva:	Itzik Ohayon (independent, Labor-backed)	53
Shaab:	Faaur Afu	38
Shfaram:	Yassin Ursan	40
Shlomi:	Yisrael Okart (Likud)	40
Tel Aviv	Ron Huldai (independent, Labor-backed)	50
Tel Mond:	Shlomo Ratzabi (Likud)	78
Tel Sheva:	Abu Rakik Salam	63
Tiberias:	Benny Kiryati (Likud)	57
Tira:	Kassem Halil	53
Upper Nazareth:	Menahem Ariav (Labor)	57
Upper Yokne'am:	Alfasi Simon (Labor)	50
Yehud:	Meir Uzi	33
Yavne:	Zvi Gur-Ari	52
Yavniel:	Avraham Avik Kostitzky	50
Yeroham:	Mordechai Avisrur (Likud)	63
Yesod Hama'ala:	Yehuda Shavit	54
Zichron Ya'acov:	Yishai Shibobsky	40

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Tel Aviv, August 24th 1998

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Ambassador of Cameroon
Tel Aviv

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Fireburg wins by wide support

By ALLISON KAPLAN SOMMER

The city of Netanya and its newly elected mayor, Miriam Fireburg, gave the Likud Party its biggest cause for celebration following Tuesday's local elections, after the final results yesterday gave her 48 percent of the vote, with her two biggest challengers winning less than 20%.

Education Recreation Water Garbage **Local Elections**

Fireburg declared that the key to solving Netanya's problems "begins and ends with education." Calling her new job "a difficult mission," she promised to tackle the city's highly publicized problems with crime, dirt, tourism, and infrastructure.

Despite the national Likud spotlight, the results of the city council race indicated her win was more of a personal endorsement than a statement how Netanya feels about the Likud. The Likud won only 2 council seats, while the smaller parties each picked up one more – Yisrael Ba'aliya, Shas, Meretz, and the National Religious Party all won three seats.

Fireburg, the first woman directly elected to head a major city in Israel, wished luck to the two women who will be facing a second round in two weeks: fellow Likudnik Suzanne Amor in Migdal Ha'emek and Meretz candidate Yael German in Herzliya.



Netanya Mayor-elect Miriam Fireburg accepts a victory bottle of champagne from supporters at campaign headquarters Tuesday night. (Garry Avramovitz)

German's success in Herzliya was one of the elections' biggest surprises: a totally unexpected 31% of the vote. Her two closest rivals were endorsed by larger parties and had far more money. In Herzliya's run-off, German will face Likud-endorsed independent Yehuda Urieli, who won 26%, squeaking by third-place Haim Peled, an independent endorsed by Labor, who won 25.13%.

German swept in a large number of seats on the Herzliya City Council for her party, Meretz, winning seven spots. Peled won three seats, Urieli two, the Likud two, and Shas two.

Second-rounds will also be taking place in Kfar Shmaryahu and Kfar Sava, whose Mayor Yitzhak Wald, who ran as an independent, won 26% of the vote. He will run against his own deputy mayor, Labor's Amiram Miller, who received 24%.

In Kfar Shmaryahu, it remained unclear who will run a second round. While one candidate will definitely be Yossi Milstein (36%), a mere five votes separated the second- and third-place candidates, Ella Gera (31.8) and Shmuel Ben-Tovim (32.2). The town will have to wait until its soldiers' votes are counted.

Ra'anana did not even come close to a second round, with Mayor Ze'ev Bielski's overwhelming reelection with 73% of the vote. His closest rival, Rina Bar-Tal of Labor, finished with 20%, and independent candidate Yossi Olmert trailed with 7. City council was more evenly divided, with Bielski's independent party, Lev, the Labor Party, Meretz, and the religious parties each winning 4 seats, and the Likud 2.

In Savyon, an upset victory by challenger Romemia Segal dethroned the only English-speaking immigrant serving as head of a local council, Marsha Caspi. Segal won with 58% of the vote in contrast to Caspi's 35%.

Greens, pensioners and a lesbian on TA city council

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

The new faces on Tel Aviv's city council will include environmentalists, pensioners, Dor Shalom and a declared lesbian, who will replace many representatives of the major parties.

Ron Huldai won the mayoral race with 50.3% compared to Doron Rubin's 25.3% and Shmuel Vilozny's 13.19%.

Both Rubin and Vilozny said they would cooperate with Huldai; Vilozny added that the title of deputy mayor sounds appropriate to him.



Ron Huldai

The major parties, however, splintered as residents' votes were divided among 27 lists and movements, some of them new, contending for the council's 31 seats. Only 13 lists gained seats.

The largest is Huldai's independent, Labor-backed list, which won five mandates. This is a drastic reduction of Labor's strength on the city council, as the party had 10 seats in the previous term. The list includes people close to Huldai who are not identified with Labor.

The Likud won only four seats. During the last term it had six seats, while the five seats of outgoing mayor Ronni Milo's Lev list had also included Likud people.

Meretz increased its power from three to four representatives, including Michal Eden, a declared lesbian.

The pensioners' list and Shas received three mandates each. Dor Shalom, competing in its first elections, finished with three mandates and is demanding the education portfolio. The Greens, also first-time contenders, received two mandates.

The Am Hofshi-backed list, City of Freedom and Culture, headed by Mordechai Virshubsky, got one seat.

Rubin's list received one mandate and Vilozny's got two, despite polls indicating the actor would get at least twice that number. The National Religious Party and Agudat Yisrael received one council seat each, as did the Arab list for Jaffa.

Deputy Mayor Dan Darin, head of the city's engineering administration, did not get enough votes for a seat. Neither did mayoral candidate Yehudit Arad.

Tel Aviv City Council

Party	Mandates
Labor (Huldai)	5
Meretz	4
Likud	4
Shas	3
Pensioners	3
Dor Shalom	3
Vilozny	2
Greens	2
Doron Rubin	1
NRP	1
Agudat Yisrael	1
Virshubsky	1
We're All for Jaffa	1

Battle looms for Israeli-Arab leadership

By DAVID RUDGE

The stage was set yesterday for a battle of succession for the Israeli Arab leadership as a result of the ousting in Shfaram of veteran mayor Ibrihim Nimr Hussein.

Nimr Hussein, known colloquially as "Abu Hatem," had also held the posts of chairman of the Forum of Arab Council Heads and the so-called Monitoring Committee, composed of local authority leaders, Arab MKs and representatives of other official bodies.

His defeat by independent candidate Ursan Yassin after 29 years as head of the Shfaram council automatically disqualifies Nimr Hussein from holding the other two even more important positions.

"This is an extremely significant development with tremendous ramifications which could throw the Israeli Arab leadership into turmoil," said Dr. Elie Rekhess, head of Tel Aviv University's Program on Arab Politics in Israel.

Nimr Hussein was elected, originally as a compromise figure, to the chairmanship of the council leaders forum in 1981, seven years after it was established. He was chosen to head the monitoring committee after its inception in 1982, and has held both posts ever since.

Recently, however, he was criticized for ineffective leadership both on the local and national level and for being too conciliatory.

The defeat of Nimr Hussein coincides with an apparent rise in the fortunes of the fundamentalist Islamic Movement, alongside a steadfast showing by Hadash, as well as the election in numerous towns and villages of independent candidates and lists based on *hamulot* (clans).

In Nazareth, incumbent Mayor Ramez Jeraise (Hadash) succeeded in holding off a strong challenge from the Islamic Movement's Salman Abu Ahmed at the head of a United Nazareth Bloc list.

Hadash, however, appears to have lost its majority on the city council, and Jeraise will need the support of the bloc, or at least some of its members, in order to form a coalition.

The contest in Taiba between two candidates representing the town's main clans - the Masarwa family led by Issam Masarwa and the Haj-Yihye family led by Abdel Hakim Haj-Yihye - was won by Masarwa.

Haj-Yihye had run with the support and as a representative of the Islamic Movement.

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MKs want rabbinic approval of religious council members

AT THE KNESSET
By LIAT COLLINS and NINA GILBERT

Haredi MKs have renewed their demand that the prime minister immediately bring to the Knesset a bill that would require that all representatives on religious councils be approved by the localities' chief rabbis. If the bill passes, women and people belonging to non-Orthodox streams could be blocked from sitting on the religious councils.

The move is being led by MK Shmuel Halpert (United Torah Judaism) who heads the religious caucus in the Knesset. The haredi MKs said the bill is in accordance with the coalition agreement and if it is not submitted it will cause a coalition crisis.

A spokeswoman for Hemdat (the Council for Freedom of Science, Religion and Culture in Israel), said the bill is an attempt to circumvent a High Court ruling.

Hemdat is calling to dissolve the religious councils, and establish instead special administrative units within the regular local councils.

"The disbandment of the religious councils will not only bring about greater efficiency and depoliticization, it will save millions of the taxpayers' shekels," said Hemdat spokeswoman, Zemira Segev.

Haredi and religious MKs, as well as the chief rabbis, have not rejected the possibility of disbanding the religious councils.

Protests for antisemitic statement

MK Naomi Blumenthal (Likud), who chairs the Knesset Immigration and Absorption Committee, has sent a strong letter of protest to the Speaker of the Russian Parliament following the rejection of a motion to condemn antisemitic statements by one of its members.

Blumenthal said that Gen. Albert Makshov, a Communist member of the Russian Parliament, had called during a demonstration for all the Jews to be sent to their graves and said: "The time has come to be clean of these 'Zhids.'"

"It is shocking that one the eve of the 21st century antisemitic statements are still publicly made by leaders and public officials and the authorities stand by helplessly and do not dare denounce it," Blumenthal wrote.

Bills would set price limits

Two bills were passed in first reading yesterday that would impose government price limits to protect the public from exploitation.

The first, by MK Ophir Pines-Paz (Labor), would put price limits on cemetery plots bought by living people. This measure is aimed at preventing price gouging of those who have lost a loved one, and want to buy the adjacent lot before it is sold. Under the bill, only the Treasury would have the right to update prices.

A bill that would allow the transport minister to set a maximum fee to be charged by parking lots also passed in first reading. MK Dalia Itzik (Labor), who sponsored the measure, noted that in the big cities, parking lot owners can charge what they want, making it difficult for car owners.

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6 arrested for Otniel attack

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

IDF and security forces arrested six Palestinians from the village of Rabud yesterday on suspicion the Palestinians were involved in shooting two IDF soldiers late Tuesday night.

Matan Benayahu, 21, and Amos Attiah, 23, were ambushed at the Otniel junction as they were travelling on the Beersheba-Jerusalem highway. Benayahu was in serious but stable condition yesterday after undergoing surgery at Beersheba's Soroka Hospital to dislodge a bullet from his chest. He also had gunshot wounds in his legs and back. Attiah, a career soldier and Otniel resident, was lightly injured in the legs and was released from the hospital yesterday afternoon.

The IDF imposed a curfew on Rabud, situated in Area B which is under Israeli security control, and searched the village early yesterday morning.

Palestinian sources said the security forces carried out house to house searches in the village and arrested several residents.

The curfew was lifted some 12 hours later.

Settlers were outraged by the attack. Many felt that by approving the Wye Memorandum the cabinet gave a green light to the Palestinians to continue carrying out terrorist attacks.

Hebron Hills Regional Council head Uri Zilberman said he had expected the government leaders to take the same stand yesterday that they took following the terror attack in Jerusalem's Mahaneh Yehuda last week. On hearing the news, the cabinet, which had been discussing the Wye agreement, immediately suspended all talks on the agreement, declaring that it would not move forward until the Palestinians put a stop to terrorism.

The fact that the government continued to discuss the agreement following Tuesday's attack, Zilberman said, shows "the enemy that the blood of settlers can be spilt and gives a green light to terrorists to carry out attacks in Judea, Samaria and Gaza."

The Hebron Jewish community issued a similar statement.

The Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza warned that Otniel would become an enclave surrounded by Palestinian-controlled Area A if the second redeployment is implemented.

On Tuesday night, shortly before 11, terrorists began shooting at Benayahu and Attiah, who were travelling in an IDF vehicle. Four terrorists apparently had set up an ambush at Otniel junction to shoot at Israeli vehicles. Benayahu and Attiah got out of the car and returned fire, causing the terrorists to flee. Attiah then flagged down a car with Israeli license plates, which took them to Otniel.

IDF and security forces, who searched the area shortly afterwards, found dozens of empty cartridges scattered by the junction.

Yochai Damri, a volunteer MDA ambulance driver at Otniel, treated the soldiers before taking them to a hospital. Damri said the IDF vehicle had been riddled with some 50 bullets and praised the soldiers for scaring the terrorists away.

"They knew how to act and returned fire after terrorists shot at them from several directions," he said.

"I hate to think what would happen if a family with children had been fired upon," he added.

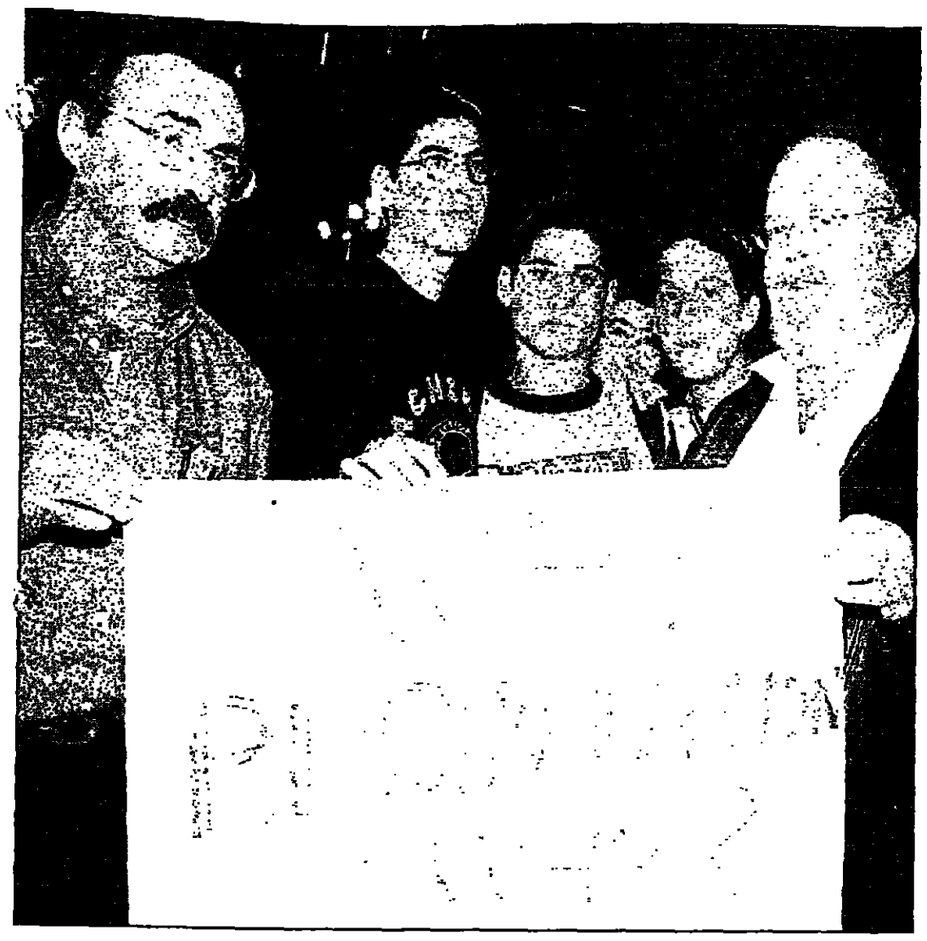
The only response to such attacks is to strengthen the settlement, Damri said. Talk of upgrading defense mechanisms in the settlements, he said, does not deal with the root of the problem.

Zilberman said residents in his jurisdiction are concerned about how a second withdrawal would impact on their security.

"If terrorists are able to roam around freely and carry out attacks in areas under Israel's security control, what will happen when these areas become A, under full Palestinian control?" he asked.

Zilberman said that residents rely on the IDF and don't want to reach a stage where they will be forced to take security into their own hands.

"The terrorists who carried out yesterday's attack were professionals. I wouldn't be surprised if they turn out to be members of the Palestinian Police," he said.



Protesters display their feelings about the Wye Memorandum at yesterday's demonstration in Tel Aviv's Kikar Rabin. (Ilan Assendryver/ Israel Sun)

Thousands gather in TA to protest Wye accord

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

As the cabinet announced the ratification of the Wye Memorandum, thousands of demonstrators gathered in Kikar Rabin in Tel Aviv to declare their opposition to accord, under the slogan "Faithful to Eretz Israel."

Hundreds of buses transported people to the rally, which was organized by the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, the Land of Israel Front, Mateh Ma'amatz and other right-wing movements.

Habad adherents were urged by their leaders to attend the demonstration.

"The Wye team will no longer lead the nationalist camp in Israel," declared Uzi Landau, chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee.

MK Rehavam Ze'evi (Moledet) chastised the government for turning a blind eye to its brothers and sisters in Judea, Samaria and Gaza and accused it of attempting to dry up the settlements and ignore the murders of innocent people.

"Bibi went to Wye and came back with Munich," he said.

Shortly after 8 p.m., the lights in the square were turned off and the demonstrators were asked to remain silent as a speech made by Netanyahu when he was leader of the opposition was broadcast.

In the speech, he pledged the importance of Jewish continuity in Judea, Samaria and Gaza and declared that the Oslo process would not provide security for the people of Israel.

Several people in the crowd said that if Netanyahu was in the opposition today, he would be demanding a halt to the Oslo process.

Some settlers blamed the Council of Jewish Communities for not doing enough to inform residents of the consequences of the Wye accord.

But sources within the council declared that intense efforts were being made to try to make some last-minute changes to the redeployment map.

"The map is horrendous and will seriously affect many communities," said council spokeswoman Yehudit Tayar.

Ya'acov Even, secretary of Ganim and Kadim, two secular communities in Samaria that will reportedly become isolated enclaves following the redeployment, noted that residents of those communities weren't very involved with the council, and that whether to attend the rally had been left up to them.

He believed the uncertainty many felt was largely due to the lack of information residents were receiving from the authorities.

Even stressed that while members of the towns had settled there for ideological reasons, he believed if they were forced to leave they would do so, but only if an alternative community were found and they received compensation.

Residents of Otniel, where two IDF soldiers were shot on Tuesday night, said that despite the worrisome reports they are expanding their community, noting that construction was already under way on a new yeshiva, a kindergarten, and several new homes.

Motti Hershko, the secretary of Otniel who lives on the nearby community of Teneh Omarim, said that while residents were concerned for their security, they would continue to plan their future in the area.



Hungry for tuition cut

Striking students march for lower tuition yesterday in support of hunger-striking colleagues, opposite the prime minister's residence in Jerusalem, after talks with Prime Minister's Office Director-General Moshe Leon broke down. Thousands of motorists were trapped in huge traffic jams by demonstrating students last evening, when groups of protesters sat down and blocked several major intersections in the capital. (Shem-Tov/Harari)

PA tells terror groups to stop attacks

The Palestinian Authority said yesterday it had met with members of Hamas and Islamic Jihad to demand they curb attacks against Israel that could jeopardize implementation of the Wye Memorandum.

"The authority reaffirmed its stand that no faction should act in a way that would embarrass the Palestinian commitment to peace agreements," Telecommunications Minister Imad Falouji, a former Hamas leader, said of the meeting with Hamas officials, which took place in Gaza on Monday.

Palestinian officials said the PA had also asked Islamic Jihad to end attacks and to stick to a deal they made with the authority two years ago not launch strikes from inside Palestinian-ruled areas.

PA Chairman Yasser Arafat has put Hamas founder Sheikh Ahmed Yassin under house arrest and ordered the detention of dozens of radicals in moves that brought tension to a head between the Palestinian leader and his main domestic opponents.

"They [Hamas and Islamic Jihad] promised to discuss the demands we had made," said Falouji, who represented the PA in the talks along with Tayeb Abdel-Rahim, a top Arafat aide.

"There were some points of difference between the Palestinian Authority and Hamas therefore it was natural that these points appear in any meeting," said Ismail Haniyah, a leading Hamas figure in the Gaza Strip.

Haniyah would not say if Hamas had made any pledges to curb attacks but said the meeting with the PA had focused on ways to resolve the crisis between the two sides.

"We asked the Palestinian Authority to release the remaining [Hamas] prisoners and to lift the house arrest imposed on Sheikh Ahmed Yassin," Haniyah said.

Falouji said the Palestinian Authority had agreed to allow Hamas leaders to visit Yassin and that it would study the other demands. More meetings are expected (Reuters)

Israel: Suspects were not spying against Cyprus or for Turkey

By DANNA HARMAN and BATSHEVA TSUR

Israel yesterday clarified that the two men being held on suspicion of spying in Cyprus were not working against Cyprus or on behalf of Turkey.

"Following a thorough investigation conducted since the arrests, I can declare that the two Israelis arrested in Cyprus did not act against Cyprus nor on behalf of Turkey, in any manner," said a spokesman for the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem.

"The friendly relations expressed, among other ways, in the recent visit of the president of the State of Israel to Cyprus, will continue and will be strengthened," the spokesman added.

"Any further steps that may need to be taken in this matter will take place through the appropriate channels."

Cypriot officials said they were studying the statement and could not comment.

The two Israelis, identified as Udi Hargov and Yigal Damary, are being held in separate cells in a Nicosia jail.

They have reportedly refused to cooperate with their interrogators. The men are being represented by both an Israeli and a Cypriot lawyer.

Earlier reports had said the suspects had met with Turkish Cypriots shortly before their arrest, giving rise to additional fears that they had worked for the Turks.

It is understood that the Cypriot police are in close contact with their Israeli counterparts over the incident.

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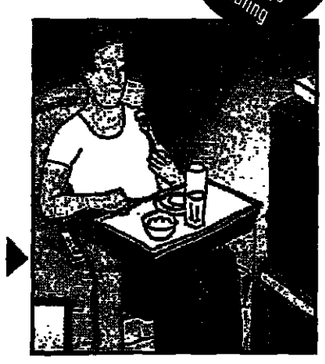
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Knesset to debate Wye on Monday

By NINA GILBERT and LIAT COLLINS

The Labor Party last night issued a statement welcoming the cabinet's approval of the Wye Memorandum and reiterated that it would support it in the Knesset.

It also called on the government to "act responsibly" in implementing the agreement.

Meretz leader Yossi Sarid, however, criticized the results of the cabinet vote, noting it was clear the agreement lacked a definitive majority.

He added that some of the government's decisions had already violated the agreement.

As the cabinet was concluding its discussions on the agreement the Knesset factions met with Speaker Dan Tichon to again rearrange the House agenda for the debate on the accord.

The Knesset is scheduled to debate the agreement on Monday and put it to a vote late Tuesday night, Tichon said.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu is to present the agreement to the House on Monday along with his annual political address, which was due to have opened the Knesset's winter session last month.

At a faction meeting yesterday with its spiritual leaders, Rabbis Avraham Shapiro and Mordechai Eliahu, the National Religious Party, whose two ministers voted against the accord in the cabinet, decided the entire faction will oppose it in the Knesset.

All MKs will have the right to address to plenum during the debate.

In consultations held with Tichon yesterday, all of the Knesset factions agreed to delay the first readings of the early elections bills and the bill to cancel the direct election of the prime minister.

The bills were due to be debated on Monday, but Tichon scheduled them for November 23, a week after the Wye discussion.

The opposition is seeking to delay the reading of the early election bills until implementation of the Wye accord begins, in order to garner more support, including from the Arab MKs.

The NRP's central committee is to decide on Sunday how its faction will vote on early elections.

MKs Zvi Hendel and Hanan Porat said yesterday that Netanyahu had offered to publish tenders for construction on Har Homa and construct bypass roads in the territories in exchange for their voting against early elections. They rejected the offer, however.

At present, a majority of the NRP Knesset faction is in favor of early elections. Those opposing are Shaul Yahalom, Shmaryahu Ben-Tzur, and Eli Gabai.

If the bills fail, no similar bill can be submitted for six months. One bill is sponsored by MK Haim Oron (Meretz) and the other by MKs Haim Ramon and Ra'anan Cohen (Labor).

Debate on the bills can be delayed again as long as a majority of Knesset factions agree, Tichon's office said yesterday.

Oron said he would not "have his bill brought up until he has a majority for its passage," and the opposition would employ all kinds of delaying tactics if necessary.

Meanwhile, support was increasing yesterday for the bill to cancel the direct election of the prime minister, sponsored by MK Yossi Beilin (Labor) and MK Uzi Landau (Likud).

Beilin believes that he has the support of 75 MKs from across the political spectrum for the measure, including more than 20 Labor MKs, Hadash, United Torah Judaism, and some Meretz and Third Way MKs.

Labor Party leader Ehud Barak, who in the past had opposed any changes to the system, is now reportedly considering changing his stand to support a return to the previous system, under which prime ministerial candidates ran as head of party lists, though with some modifications.

The main change would be that instead of going back to having the president decide which party leader stood the best chance of creating a workable coalition, the leader of the party with the most seats would automatically become premier.

Netanyahu opposes changing the system.

Both the early elections and direct election bills must be passed by a majority of 61 MKs in their first reading to be returned to the Knesset Law Committee for further processing, and then pass two more readings in the Knesset. The Law Committee is chaired by the NRP's Porat.



Birthday forest

American industrialist and philanthropist Max Fisher is congratulated by Jewish National Fund world chairman Shlomo Gravitz at the American Independence Park yesterday, at the dedication of a 10,000-tree forest planted in honor of his 90th birthday and in tribute to a lifetime of achievement. (Joe Malcolm)

MKs demand authorized Hebrew translation of Wye Memorandum

By LIAT COLLINS

No authorized Hebrew translation of the Wye agreement has yet been prepared, even though the agreement is likely to come to a vote in the Knesset next week.

This situation was criticized in yesterday's meeting of the State Control Committee, which met to discuss discrepancies between the original English text of the agreement and the Hebrew summary prepared by cabinet secretary Dan Naveh.

Committee chairman Yossi Katz (Labor) blasted Naveh for not attending the committee meeting yesterday, although he did send a letter.

The committee recommended that the attorney-general issue guidelines on translating agreements Israel has signed and presenting them to the government.

Katz also said he would ask Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon to ask the prime minister to submit a translation of the Wye agreement before it is voted on in the House.

In his letter to the committee, Naveh said the Hebrew version given to the ministers and members of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee was not meant to be a translation but a summary of points as the Israeli negotiating team sees them.

"In this particular case, I have been told by Naveh that there is no authorized version," said Katz. "This is surprising to me as the cabinet has begun discussing the agreement without there being an authorized translation into Hebrew."

Deputy Attorney-General Meni Mazuz explained that all international agreements are forwarded to the Justice Ministry and Foreign Ministry for an official translation, but since the agreements with the Palestinians are not accords with a sovereign state, they are handled by the Prime Minister's Office.

Israel gets first reduced aid package

By HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON – Israel yesterday officially received its 1999 aid package – its first under a voluntary reduction that eliminates economic assistance over 10 years.

The standard signing ceremony occurred in the office of Ambassador Zalman Shoval, with the funds actually being transferred electronically to Jerusalem via Israel's bank account in New York.

The new package left Israel with $1.08 billion in economic aid, a 10 percent drop from the past $1.2b. level. Israel also received $1.86b. in military assistance. That figure represents an increase from the previous standard of $1.8b.

Under the new formula, Israel loses an additional $60 million per year. Essentially, only 5% of each year's economic aid cut disappears from the overall package because the other 5% goes into military assistance.

Robert Randolf, the new assistant administrator of the US Agency for International Development, said yesterday that he was happy to sign the agreement and that the US is interested in advancing both the peace process and economic development in the region.

In a speech to a joint meeting of Congress in July 1996, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu pledged to begin phasing out America's economic assistance to Israel. Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman made several visit here earlier this year to present Israel's plan for ending economic aid while increasing military aid. Among those who granted their approval to the plan was House of Representatives appropriations committee chairman Robert Livingston, who in January will almost certainly become the new Speaker of the House.

Report: CIA chief threatened to quit if Pollard released

NEW YORK (AP) – The director of the Central Intelligence Agency threatened to quit if President Bill Clinton agreed to release convicted spy Jonathan Pollard as part of the Middle East peace accord, *The New York Times* reported yesterday.

Chief spook George Tenet made the warning after learning Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu made Pollard's case a key bargaining point in the peace talks, the *Times* said, citing administration sources.

Tenet and a CIA spokesman both declined comment.

Pollard, 44, a former civilian naval intelligence analyst, is serving a life sentence at a North Carolina prison for handing over thousands of top secret documents to Israel in 1984 and 1985. Some papers reportedly contained information about Soviet weapons used by Israel's Arab opponents.

At Wye, Tenet told Clinton he would resign if Clinton agreed to release Pollard, according to several administration officials. Tenet gave his warning after learning that Netanyahu had made Pollard's case a key bargaining point, the *Times* quoted officials as saying.

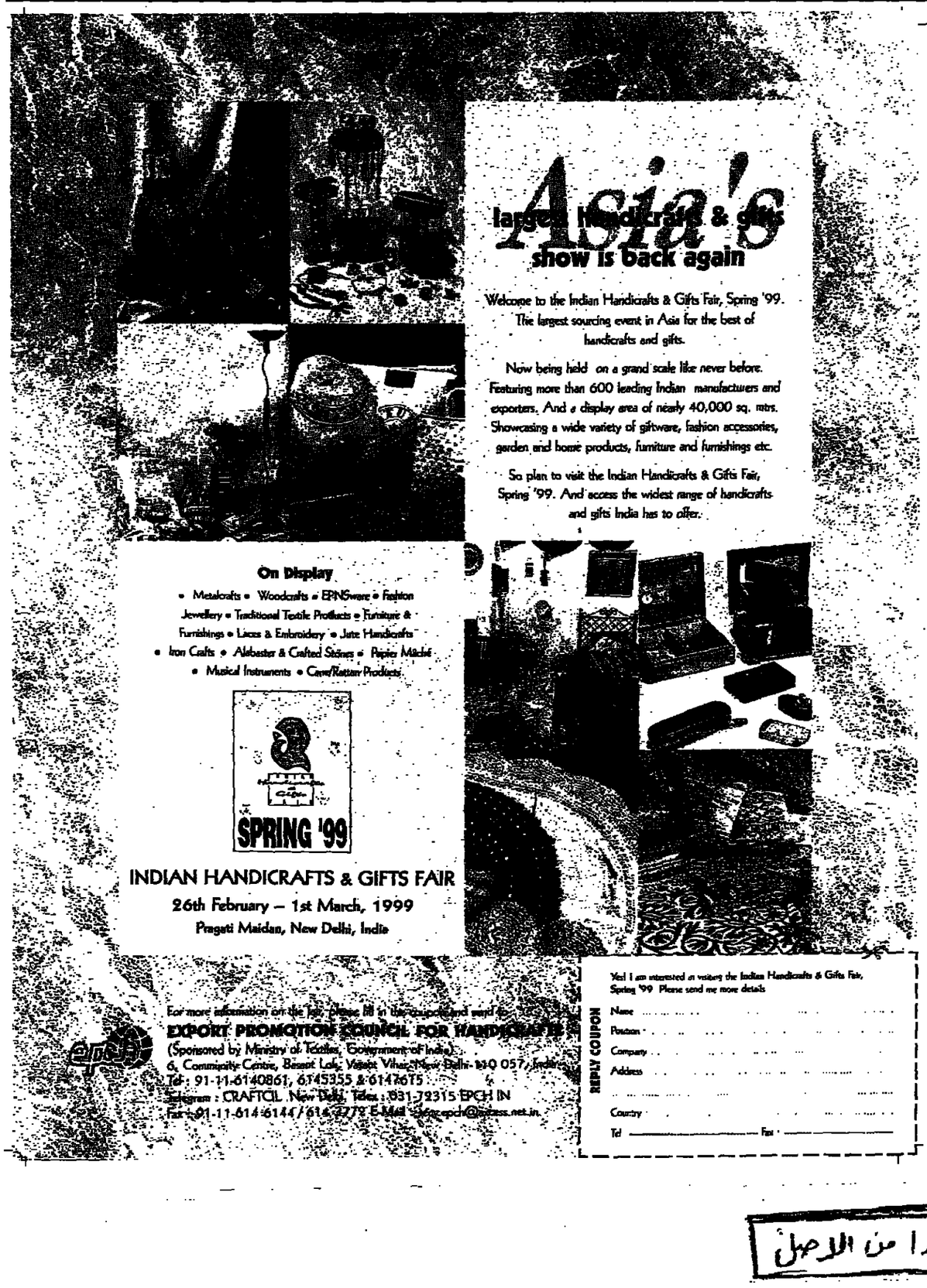
Netanyahu told Clinton at Wye that he needed Pollard's release in order to win support for the peace agreement from the right wing of his governing coalition, the *Times* reported.

Clinton eventually turned down Netanyahu's request.

"Tenet's threat to resign was a direct reflection of the depth of anger against Pollard that lingers among US intelligence and law enforcement officials 13 years after the former naval intelligence analyst was arrested for passing top-secret documents to Israel. He is now serving a life term," the *Times* wrote.

"US intelligence and law enforcement circles insist that Pollard should never be freed and dismiss the fact that he acted on behalf of a friendly nation. But the far right in Israel has made Pollard's release a celebrated cause – and Netanyahu has raised it with the president virtually every time they have met," wrote the *Times*.

The *Times* also said Tenet threatened to resign, because he believes he would lose credibility within the CIA were Pollard released over his objections.



Agency comptroller's report:

Emissary with no knowledge of English sent to Manchester

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Despite tests showing he knew no English and was clearly unsuitable for the job, former Histadrut Teachers Union chief Yitzhak Welber was sent as an aliya emissary to Manchester in 1995, only to be recalled after complaints from the local community, the Jewish Agency comptroller notes in his Report to the Jewish Agency Assembly, which is to be released today.

According to a section in the report on the Aliya Department Mission in London, which got mostly favorable reviews, psychometric and other tests pointed to Welber's "clear lack of suitability."

The director-general of the Emissaries Administration even advised the Aliya Department that he could not recommend him as a candidate, but he was sent anyway.

Moreover, according to the report, Welber's name had also been mentioned in the press "in connection with irregularities in an organization in which he was associated," and this was known to the Aliya Department and the Emissaries Administration.

Nonetheless, none of these facts kept him from being considered for the post, and his candidacy was approved for a six-week appointment, with the possibility of extension.

Eventually, the head of the Aliya Mission in England "vehemently objected" to his work, and his emissary position was not extended.

"We are of the opinion that the sending of an aliya emissary who is unsuitable for the position and is not fluent in the language of the country and who also has a problematical background, as in this instance, could inflict irreversible damage for the image of the Department, the Zionist Movement and aliya to Israel," the comptroller writes. "It is unclear to us why the Aliya Department saw fit to insist on sending this person as its representative, despite all the unequivocal warnings."

Welber is not mentioned by name in the report, but a source familiar with the incident confirmed it was Welber.

Reached yesterday by telephone, Welber said that while he did not possess "a Shakespearean knowledge" of English, he did know the language, and that he made appearances there "and there was no problem with my English."

"[Agency Immigration and Absorption Department head] Uri Gordon and I decided it wasn't working out, and that was it," Welber said of his return to Israel. He also denied he was involved in any irregularities, noting that "the police investigated and did not see fit to charge me."

He said he had decided himself not to run for another term as union chief, and had not been forced to do so.

Aliya Department officials said in response that current policy requires approval of emissaries be based on positive test results aimed at determining suitability.

Conference on Holocaust survivors begins

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Experts in the treatment of Holocaust survivors and their families, including a gypsy survivor involved in dealing with the needs of that community in Europe, will meet beginning today at the Renaissance Hotel in Jerusalem for a conference.

Entitled "Working with the survivors of the Holocaust and their families," the conference is being sponsored by Amcha – the National Israeli Center for Psychosocial Support of Survivors of the Holocaust and the Second Generation.

Today's session includes a presentation by Dr. Robert Krell of Canada, himself a child survivor, on "Elderly Children: Child Survivors of the Holocaust Approach Old Age."

Among the activities scheduled are discussions on intergenerational communication, therapy with child survivors, survivors from the former Soviet Union, and the second generation.

Sessions taking place tomorrow include those on aging in survivors and psychiatric care, with the closing session focusing on management and funding of services for Holocaust survivors.

"At a time when needy survivors are being discussed all over the world as possible recipients of vast and new resources, it's encouraging that so many professionals are already working all over the world with needy survivors," John Lemberger, executive director of Amcha, said of the gathering. "Hopefully, the experience, the knowledge and mutual learning will lead to preparation for the next 20 years, when we hope there will be enough resources to take care of all the survivors all over the world."

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NATO concerned by deterioration of Kosovo truce

BRUSSELS (Reuters) - The NATO allies expressed great concern yesterday at the deterioration of the shaky truce in Kosovo, with violent incidents now provoking "almost daily deaths," a NATO official said.

NATO strongly condemned the recent shootings regardless of which side provoked them, he added.

The allies, however, have no armed presence in Kosovo to enforce separation of the combatants and a planned verification mission of 2,000 unarmed observers is still not fully in place.

Serbian special police and ethnic Albanian gunmen have been killed in isolated clashes and reported ambush attempts in the past week, prompting Yugoslav authorities to warn they will step up patrols if the skirmishes do not stop.

While security overall in the Serbian province was far better than just a few weeks ago, the allies did not want to see Kosovo slip back to a situation which both sides could use as a pretext for rekindling the conflict, the official said.

"NATO insists on the need for both Belgrade and the Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA) to comply fully with the ceasefire and stop provocations," he told reporters after a regular meeting of NATO ambassadors.

The allies also voiced concern about "flying checkpoints" and the heavy presence of special police in some spots but agreed that Yugoslavia remained largely in compliance with international demands to keep its security forces in check.

It was clear the KLA was reoccupying territory vacated by the security forces under threat of NATO air strikes late last month, the official said.

They possessed modern weapons which posed a real danger to the government forces and had launched provocations.

These actions could "present Belgrade with the excuse we don't want Belgrade to have — to break out of its commitments," he added.

At the same time, NATO was keeping a close watch on the activities of the Serbian police.

The fact that NATO members had pulled back some of the combat aircraft assembled last month for possible air strikes at Yugoslav military targets did not signal "some sort of stand-down" of NATO's threat of force, which remains in place.

The official said the KLA would be missing a golden opportunity if it refused to join in talks on a US-brokered autonomy deal that would give the province's ethnic Albanian majority more self-determination than ever.

But a representative of the guerrilla army who visited European Union institutions in Brussels on Tuesday said the KLA, which demands outright independence, would not join talks until the security forces withdrew entirely from Kosovo.

Bardhyl Mahmuti flatly denied that the KLA were retaking positions or otherwise exploiting the truce and said there were still 25,000 troops and police in the province of 1.8 million.

Allies mark 80 years since end of WWI

PARIS (Reuters) – Bugles sounded out in France and Britain at 11 a.m. and silence fell as ceremonies in widely scattered parts of the world marked the 80th anniversary yesterday of the end of World War I.

French President Jacques Chirac and Britain's Queen Elizabeth laid wreaths of red poppies at France's Tomb of the Unknown Warrior in Paris. Germany's newly-installed Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder was too busy to attend.

"Today is a supremely symbolic day, marking in many ways the end of this century," a senior British diplomat said. "You will not see ceremonies like this next century."

With the number of World War I veterans dwindling fast, French officials have also said privately they expected yesterday to be the last major commemoration of the conflict that introduced many of the weapons that shaped the horrors of 20th century warfare.

But as wartime allies remembered their dead, US-led military forces were on standby for a potential new conflict with Iraq over its refusal to cooperate with UN officials overseeing the dismantling of its weapons of mass destruction.

France is also honoring the Allied survivors of World War I, in which more than 8.5 million soldiers died, by awarding them its highest decoration, the Legion of Honor.

Under 2,000 are still believed to be alive in France, the US, Britain, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Portugal and Italy.

The last veteran from the former French colony of Senegal, Abdoulaye N'Daye, died on Tuesday night at the age of 104.

"It was a useless war," commented 101-year-old French veteran Robert Gelineau as he watched soldiers wearing France's old blue uniforms parade in front of the Arc de Triomphe in hazy autumn sunshine.

The commemorations in France were not without controversy, with a rare public spat between Chirac and Socialist Prime Minister Lionel Jospin over whether history should take a kinder view of events were among the allied nations that opposed the German coalition with then Austria-Hungary.

French soldiers executed for mutiny in 1917.

The main commemoration



Queen Elizabeth smiles as a child hands a model plane to French President Jacques Chirac, while French Prime Minister Lionel Jospin looks on. The leaders were attending ceremonies marking the 80th anniversary of the end of World War I, in Paris yesterday. (Reuters)

WORLD

in brief

Spain mulls damages for death squad killings

MADRID (AP) – Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar is considering paying damages to relatives of people killed by government-backed death squads that targeted Basque separatists in the 1980s, a spokesman said yesterday.

"This is a subject that is being analyzed now. That is all there is to say," spokesman Josep Pique told reporters.

The death squads, which called themselves the Anti-terrorist Liberation Groups, or GAL, killed 27 people from 1983 to 1987 in a campaign designed to crush the armed Basque separatist group ETA. Many of the victims were mistaken targets.

China hits out at US over Taiwan, Tibet

BEIJING (Reuters) – China yesterday lashed out fiercely at the US over a meeting between President Bill Clinton and the Dalai Lama and a visit to Taiwan by a US cabinet secretary.

A Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman said Beijing had lodged a protest with Washington and demanded the US correct its "mistakes."

"We resolutely oppose and cannot accept this," Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhu Bangzao was quoted by state television as saying. He urged the United States to "immediately correct its own mistakes."

EU: Cyprus membership viewed on merit

VILNIUS (Reuters) – Cyprus will be treated the same as other candidates for European Union membership, despite reservations among some EU nations about the island's problems being brought into the bloc, European Parliament Chairman Jose Maria Gil-Robles said yesterday.

"...Cyprus will be treated as any other candidate for enlargement so it will depend how they adapt to EU standards. When the adaptation is done, Cyprus must come in," he said at a meeting of leaders from countries hoping to join the EU.

On Tuesday Greece, Cyprus's closest ally, warned its EU partners that it would block any enlargement of the union if Cyprus's membership application was turned down.

Niklas Luhmann, German sociologist, dies

BIELEFELD, Germany (AP) – *Niklas Luhmann, a well-known German sociologist who also taught in the US, has died after a long illness, the local university said yesterday. He was 71. Appointed to the chair of sociology at Bielefeld in 1968, Luhmann taught at many other universities during his career, including Frankfurt, the New School for Social Research in New York and Northwestern University in Chicago.*

Court overturns decision giving O.J. custody

SANTA ANA, California (AP) – An appeals court overturned a ruling giving O.J. Simpson custody of his two younger children, saying that a lower court judge should not have excluded evidence of whether Simpson killed their mother. The Fourth District Court of Appeal, ruling on a petition by the parents of Nicole Brown Simpson, ordered a new hearing.

"Because the trial court excluded evidence of whether Simpson killed the children's mother, and also clearly erred in excluding evidence bearing on the domestic violence issue in the mother's diaries, the case must be remanded for another hearing," the ruling said Tuesday.

Simpson, the former football star, said he plans to fight the decision for as long as it takes to keep custody of Sydney and Justin.

Diaspora anxieties

THE REGION



Barry Rubin

One of the Palestinian Authority's main priorities is to retain support from the estimated 3.5 million Palestinians living elsewhere. As a prominent PLO official remarked after the Oslo agreement, "We must not ignore our people's daily problems in all parts of the world."

Handling these constituents' needs, however, is not easy. Many of them have few direct ties to the West Bank and Gaza and must ponder whether returning to those areas would be an acceptable substitute for returning to their birthplaces now located in Israel proper.

Tens of thousands of Palestinians have already come back to the territories with Israeli and PA permission. But Palestinians living in the Arab world, according to Mamduh Nufal, a PLO Central Council member, "have mixed feelings. They appreciate the right of compatriots at home to elect leaders but have concern about their personal and national future."

In September 1995, Libya's Muammar Gaddafi realized their worst nightmare when he expelled several thousand Palestinians as a gesture of protest against the Oslo Accords. Some were stranded on boats or along the Libyan-Egyptian or Turkish-Syrian borders; Lebanon officially refused them entry, though some managed to slip in nonetheless.

"Under Israeli law," an interviewer asked PA leader Yasser Arafat, "every Jew has the right to live in Israel. Can you obtain... for the Palestinians in the diaspora... a right to live in this Palestinian state?"

Arafat said yes, but implementation must await the founding of a Palestinian state recognized by Israel.

The PA continues to demand that Israel admit all Palestinian refugees but knows that this will never happen. Some day Arafat will either have to let this issue wreck negotiations or make a difficult concession on that point.

In Lebanon, the PA suffered serious political losses because of Palestinian desperation. Soon after the Oslo agreement was signed, Foreign Minister Fares Bouez published a plan to send most Palestinians to the PA-controlled territories or elsewhere. Few would be allowed to stay. As aid refugees' living conditions further deteriorated.

Arafat did bring home hundreds of PLO soldiers and their families from Lebanon to join the PA police force. But if repatriation gave some refugees hope, it also further reduced his declining assets there

In the Ein Hilwe refugee camp, Fatah leader Munit Mikida defected to join the Islamist side and declared Arafat should be assassinated.

"We are not part of the new Lebanon or the peace process in Palestine," said one Palestinian resident of Shatila refugee camp, who had been wounded in a Syrian-backed Amal militia attack in 1985. "It is as if there is a plan by all parties in the region, including the PLO, to bury us in the past."

THE DECLINE of support for Arafat in Lebanon is no spontaneous development but largely engineered by Iran and its client, Hizbullah. Hamas leader Sheikh Ahmed Yassin says Hamas-Hizbullah cooperation "is not a secret" and "will continue."

The Yasser Arafat Center for Social Activity in the Ein Hilwe camp became the Iran-financed Al-Quds Hospital, providing free care. Hizbullah paid pensions the PLO could no longer afford and financed militias like Makdeh's 1,500 men. Iranian instructors gave Palestinians military training.

Short of achieving statehood and repatriating large numbers of Palestinians from Lebanon, the PA has no prospect of reversing this trend.

While several hundred thousand Palestinians in Lebanon faced the threat of having no home at all, the more numerous Palestinians in Jordan face the very prospect of having to choose between two homes.

While many live in poverty in refugee camps, others have become central to Jordan's economy, backing the monarchy and living comfortable lives. This class has been reinforced by returnees from Kuwait, who have built lavish homes in Amman.

But by reopening issues of loyalty, identity, and the future, the Oslo agreements raised tension between Palestinian and "East Bank" citizens. Extremist East Bankers argued that all Palestinians should eventually be sent back. Others favored a "political return," forcing Palestinians in Jordan to assume Palestinian citizenship, making them ineligible to vote or be involved in Jordanian politics.

Rejecting compulsory options, Jordan's official policy offered Palestinians there a choice.

As King Hussein put it in a 1993 speech, "Whoever opts to leave us and go to his original motherland, he is free to do so; whoever opts to stay here and to have all his rights, he is most welcome, and will stay with us as part and parcel of one nation."

In other words, as a high-ranking Jordanian official explained, Palestinians in Jordan can retain Jordanian citizenship, return to Palestine, or stay in Jordan as Palestinian resident aliens.

Given this uncertainty, the newspaper *Al-Sharq al-Awsat* reported, "Palestinian refugee circles in Jordan are overwhelmed by anxiety and anticipation over their final status."

Many will not admit that they want to stay in Jordan since this is "politically incorrect" in Palestinian terms. According to a Palestinian political figure there, if he could not go to his original home in Ramle, he would prefer Amman over east Jerusalem or Ramallah, even if they were in a Palestinian state.

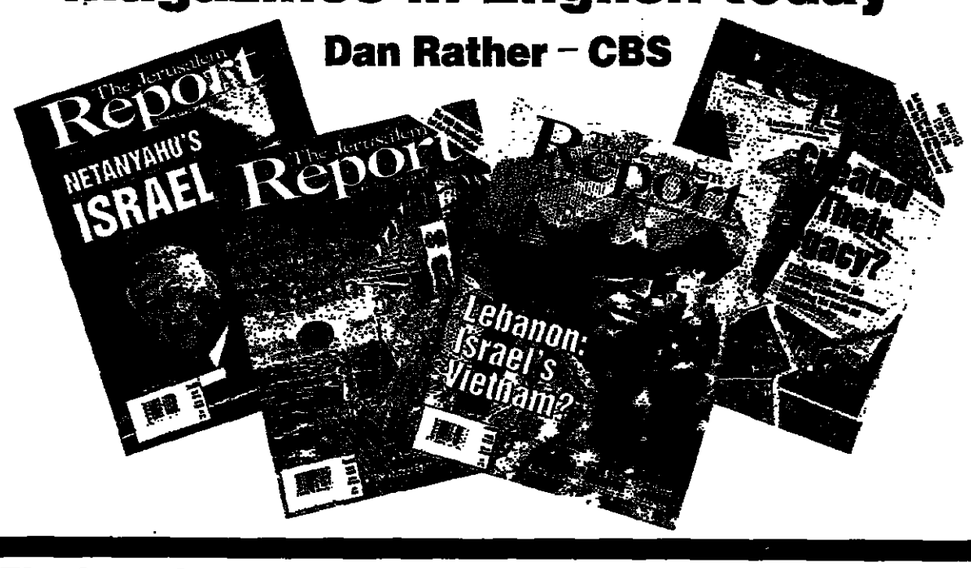
If a Palestinian state one day opens its doors to returning refugees, fewer might come than anyone expects. Criticizing Arafat and the PA has already become a rationale for Palestinians preferring the fleshpots of the West to making "aliya."

Somewhat tongue in cheek, a Palestinian colleague recently proposed to me that we do a joint study on the difficulties of dealing with diaspora.

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Losing the people

As a democratic exercise, it was not very impressive. Tuesday's local election produced the lowest turnout ever – less than 50 percent, compared to 56% in 1993 and 59% in 1989. Not voting can be an index of satisfaction, as if the public were not interested in changing its leaders. It is as likely, however, that the low turnout is a function of dwindling confidence in politicians and in the political process.

The attempts by Labor and the Likud to claim victory or deny defeat only serve to reinforce the impression that they are losing their connection with the people. The most salient result of the elections is the growing strength of smaller parties on the municipal councils, at the expense of both Labor and the Likud. In Jerusalem, for example, incumbent Likud Mayor Ehud Olmert took 61% of the vote in a crowded field, but his United Jerusalem list took only three out of 31 council seats. The largest factions in the council will be the seven-seat haredi list (combining Agudat Yisrael and Degel Hatorah), the five-seat Shas faction, and – at the other end of the spectrum – the four-seat list headed by ex-Meretz leader Ornan Yekutieli. The surrogate Labor list, One Jerusalem, won only two seats.

The fact that in Jerusalem haredi parties captured more than twice as many council seats as Labor and Likud combined shows that both major parties have failed miserably at motivating voters. The gap is evident in voter turnout: about 80% among the haredim voted, compared to 40% of the rest of the Jewish electorate, and only 1% of the city's Arab residents. The minuscule Arab turnout is the result of a boycott of the vote led by the Palestinian Authority, leading to almost a third of the city's residents not having a single representative on the city council.

Though the boycott by Arab residents is an extreme form of self-disenfranchisement, the secular Jewish population committed a similar form of political suicide by not bothering to vote. Interestingly enough, both the haredi and the Meretz-line parties grew substantially in Jerusalem, again at the expense of the major parties.

Nationally, the biggest winner of the local elections was Yisrael Ba'aliya, which catapulted itself from a standing start of zero seats at the local level to almost 100 seats after this election. The party expects to hold the post of deputy mayor (of which there may be more than one) in 16 cities, including Haifa, where it has the second largest faction on the council. As significantly, immigrants from the former Soviet Union seem to have played a deciding role in the races for mayor in Beersheba, Haifa, Ashdod, Netanya, and a number of smaller towns.

This is a remarkable accomplishment for a party that not only did not exist during the last municipal elections in 1993, but most of whose voters did not even live in Israel only a decade ago. It is also good news for Israeli democracy, since the party has demonstrated broader interests than simply funneling public funds to its own constituency; and with the Third Way, has represented a centrist and unifying factor in Israeli politics.

The electoral success of both extremes in the secular-religious divide – Meretz and the haredi parties – is less encouraging for the future. Both of these electorates deserve credit for exercising their democratic right and duty to make their voices heard. To the extent that these parties define themselves as being against each other, their growth may heighten societal conflict and make that conflict even more intractable. In this context, the impetus for the creation of a new centrist party – focused more on ameliorating social conflict than on the heretofore dominant issues of peace and security – may grow.

Either of the major parties could still play such a unifying role, thereby reducing the attraction of a centrist party. Both Labor and the Likud, however, seem stuck in a one-issue political rut. It has become fashionable to blame the demise of Labor and the Likud on the direct election law, which removed a major disincentive for voting for the small parties. But the law simply gave the voters a more convenient means to abandon the major parties, not the reason to do so. Blaming the law, rather than Labor and the Likud for failing to rise to its challenge, is a form of blaming the messenger.

The local elections should provide a wake-up call to Labor and the Likud that peace and security alone are no longer enough to bring voters to the polls, particularly when the difference between the parties on that issue has almost vanished. The public is ready for a more varied political diet, one that includes a compelling economic and social agenda.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

AMIDROR'S REMARKS

Sir, – As a right-leaning, observant individual I would like to join the furor against Maj.-Gen. Ya'acov Amidror's recent panning of peace songs.

As a right-winger, I yearn for peace. As an observant Jew, I yearn for peace. As a human being I yearn for peace. I assume that everyone, including Amidror, does also. Why he chose to pan the songs which express this hope, escapes me. In my opinion, his actions do not represent either the political Right or Jewish observance.

It is time for all people to express their dissatisfaction against outrageous behaviour and statements regardless of the source; Right, Left, religious, secular, Jew, or Arab.

Foolish actions or words are foolish, regardless of the source. To try to ban singing and longing for peace is ridiculous.

I hope we all continue to seek peace and one day actually achieve it.

ELI SCHMELL

Rehovot.

SPIELBERG'S REMARKABLE FILM

Sir–, Having landed on the beaches of Normandy on D-Day in 1944 with General Dempsey's British 2nd Army – Tactical Headquarters (not Omaha Beach), I fully expected to find that Steven Spielberg's film, "Saving Private Ryan," would not do justice to such a momentous, world-shattering event.

I assumed that it would be presented with the usual Hollywood "heroes," but Spielberg neither glamorized nor minimized the unbelievable horrors suffered, especially by the US Army on Omaha Beach in Normandy.

With that thought in mind, I would like to take issue with Adina Hoffman's review of the film (October 23.) She completely lost sight of the tremendous efforts made to wrestle Europe from Hilter's stranglehold (which Spielberg did not). She reviewed the film, for the public, as if she was adjudicating its technical merits at a film festival.

I question not her obvious knowledge and ability, but her presentation of criticisms which do not benefit the average cinemagoer.

Spielberg's film honored the memory of my fellow soldiers who fought so courageously, but died in battle. This was obviously the aim of this remarkable film – an aim completely ignored by Adina Hoffman.

I am grateful the I was privileged to participate in the D-Day landing, and thank God every day that I came through unscathed.

NORMAN COHEN

Jerusalem.

THE CABLE TV MONOPOLIES

Sir, – I am writing on behalf of a large group of English-speaking television viewers from the Sharon area.

When cable TV was introduced in Israel, we the viewing public thought that it was the greatest advance since the introduction of electricity. Little did we know how much of a ride we were being taken for.

The cable companies originally had some fairly good programs but then Sky One was discontinued. We were told that a new station was being sought and that as soon as it was found, we would once again enjoy full coverage.

The same happened with Star Sports, then NBC.

We were then promised that the National Geographic channel would start broadcasting in mid-September.

As a matter of interest, any subscriber wishing to see these or better programs can install an "Orbit" satellite dish, (legally), and really enjoy TV programs for about the same monthly rate as we pay for cable TV.

The cable companies are complete monopolies and as a result couldn't care a damn about the viewers. In addition, the programs we do receive are of a pretty low standard.

Cannot something be done about this state of affairs?

TZEMACH BLOOMBERG

Hod Hasharon.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

65 years ago: On November 12, 1933, *The Palestine Post* reported that the government had approved plans for the Jaffa Port development and the Municipality started demolishing old buildings in the area.

50 years ago: On November 12, 1948, *The Palestine Post* published a special supplement dedicated to the liberation, potential and development of Haifa.

The railways started rolling again. Two Israeli passenger ships, *Negba* and *Kedma*, brought passengers and immigrants from Europe.

25 years ago: On November 12, 1973, *The Jerusalem Post* reported that Israel and Egypt had signed truce accords at Kilometer 101 on the Cairo-Suez road.

Israel complained to the International Red Cross on 28 proven cases of the murder of tied Israeli POWs by the Syrians.

Premier Golda Meir shocked the delegates of the Socialist International meeting in London for their "Munich attitude" and refusal to let the US supply planes use European air bases during the Yom Kippur war.

Alexander Zvielli

Conspiracy and complicity

YISRAEL MEDAD

Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein's decision to press charges dealing, in part, with an orchestrated "swearing-in" ceremony supervised by General Security Service (GSS) agent Avishai Raviv, was long overdue.

It was three years ago that Israel's Media Watch (IMW) first brought to public attention the probability that Raviv's performance was staged, perhaps in collusion with Channel 1's film crew. And today, IMW is still concerned over the role then played by the electronic media in the coverage of the Raviv/Eyal escapades.

Rubinstein's decision, courageous as it was in the face of opposition from within the State Attorney's Office and the criticism of left-wing politicians, does not adequately deal with the issue of possible complicity that existed between the media and the political agenda of the previous government.

Ami Ayalon, the current GSS director, admitted to the government last year that the prime minister's bureau was notified a few days after the ceremony was broadcast in September 1995 that it was "a sham, a double deception, also on behalf of the television." Former attorney-general Michael Ben-Yair has also gone on record that the footage was a hoax.

Thus, the sharp criticism by such left-wing political figures as Amnon Rubinstein, Yossi Sarid, Ori Orr and Shimon Peres, to the effect that Rubinstein is providing succor to those who would believe in a conspiracy theory in connection with Yitzhak Rabin's assassination, should be judged as self-serving in the extreme.

Avishai Raviv was planted in that nebulous area of right-wing fringe groups. Ever since late 1987, when he was 21, he has been a paid employee of the state of Israel. But what exactly was he paid to do? What was his mission? One cannot avoid nasty suspicions concerning the GSS's motives when one reflects more closely on just what the Raviv affair is truly all about.

According to the Shamgar Commission Report, an intrinsic part of Raviv's job was the perpetration of violent and criminal deeds. He engaged in assault, spouted racist invective, battered Arabs, damaged property, solicited minors to commit illegal acts and, ironically, lied to his handlers.

As the Shamgar Report makes clear, Raviv was engaged not only in violence but in provocation. The report notes that "his handlers even chose to order him to write graffiti against the peace process."

In any normal society, his employers would be chastised for moral corruption in serving a partisan political direction. Despite the recent interviews of GSS officers, Raviv's main task was the promotion of an image, the image of a wild, anti-democratic, felonious and outlaw ideology. And, with GSS prodding, and the willing cooperation of key Israeli media personnel, that image took hold.

The media, especially the electronic media, with its demand for "action," for pictures and scandal, alighted upon Raviv. His ceremonies, his camps for arms training and his military-style exercise in preparation for the "conquest" of Orient House broadcast on Channels 1 and 2, became a focus of attention.

Those scenes were engraved onto the public's consciousness. As British media observer Patrick Birkinshaw has written, "TV represents the most immediate and effective mass persuader and conveyor of information in our culture."

And Raviv was a TV star.

EITAN OREN'S September 22, 1995 clip of the Eyal group's swearing-in ceremony was the highlight of media self-enticement. As the Shamgar Report states: "[the clip] was a performance, for anybody who was present at the site must have been aware that it was a fake" (page 28).

Oren's professionalism, it would appear, failed him. His personal agenda overrode ethical judgment for, it seemed, he was convinced that he was serving a higher principle: combating the right-wing.

Oren, his editor, Yisrael Segal, ITV director Yair Stern and IBA director-general Mordechai Kirschenbaum all sought to deny what everyone else perceived: Israel's state-supervised television channel was acting in complicity, willingly or otherwise, to convince the viewers that what they were seeing was truth, when it wasn't.

Whether or not with malice aforethought, the media took a true outsider with no real support or representative status and with the help of millions of TV screens, placed Raviv, now the epitome of the "extreme Right," in everyone's living rooms and in their minds and thoughts.

One cannot deny the atmosphere of antipathy and wrath directed against Rabin and his policies at the time. But, for months, if not years, the outstanding and dominant example and role model of right-wing "incitement" was Avishai Raviv, media star and GSS agent provocateur, paid out of public funds.

The conspiracy to be investigated should not be whether the GSS staged Rabin's assassination; rather, it should focus on whether the GSS crossed the lines of democratic norms.

The GSS is now perceived as having lent itself to the Labor-Meretz coalition to be used as a weapons against a massive public protest campaign. In this, the media was willingly compliant.

Whether there was actual complicity by the GSS and media elements to aid and abet Raviv's illegal activities may be difficult to ascertain. Raviv's trial, if there is to be one, will be conducted behind closed doors. But, as Raviv's defenders are now aware, no locked door can suppress the truth for too long.

The writer is director of Israel's Media Watch.

Dry Bones



The View From the East

DAOUD KUTTAB

Stay united for peace

A dangerous trend keeps recurring in the pursuit of Middle East peace: Militants seem to turn up the violence level in the period between the initial steps toward genuine peace and its actual implementation.

For over a year, during the Netanyahu administration's effective freeze of the peace process, Islamic militants were quiet. But as soon as the Wye Memorandum was signed, the Islamic radicals went into high gear, carrying out two suicide attacks in a space of 10 days.

As noted, this trend is not new. In the 1970s, radical Palestinian groups murdered senior PLO officials in Europe who had struck up a peace dialogue with left-wing Israelis. In 1981, Egyptian president Anwar Sadat was assassinated, before the implementation of the Camp David Accords had even been completed. And in 1995, Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated by a Jewish fanatic before he could see the Oslo Accords carried out.

To a certain degree radicals have succeeded in slowing down the moves toward lasting peace in the region. But a key to the success of any peace process is the absolute commitment of its parties to move ahead, no matter what. The moment fanatics see the slightest hesitation by either party, they will exploit it.

After a suicide bombing during his administration, Rabin's response was very clear: "We will mourn the dead for one week and then on day eight we will be back at the negotiating table," he said.

The recent decision by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu to declare himself a full partner to Yasser Arafat in the pursuit of peace was an important milestone. But this decision will be worthless if both Islamic and Jewish radicals can sense the slightest potential for a retraction or a slowdown.

Israelis and Palestinian leaders must internalize the fact – and make it clear to their own people – that they are on this peace boat together. Either they will reach the shores of peace in tandem, or the boat will sink with both of them.

SUCH an understanding will require a different approach to issues of security. Netanyahu and his aides can't continue to publicly chastise the Palestinian Authority every time a bomb blows up. Last week, for example, Israeli officials had publicly praised the PAfor its crackdown on Hamas just before the Mahaneh Yehuda suicide attack. But after the attack, they blamed the Palestinians for not doing enough.

There is no doubt that indiscriminate attacks against civilians make Netanyahu's job moredifficult. The same happens to Arafat when fanatic settlers kill Palestinians or rampage through the Hebron market.

It is hard to defend a peace process when your people are being blown up. The quest for peace requires the same courage and decisiveness that of war. But whereas war pits peoplesagainst each other, the quest for peace requires that they join forces – against the extremists and radical elements who are opposed to peace.

When a suicide bombing took place in the early days of the Oslo Accords, Palestinians demonstrated for the first time against fellow Palestinians. Thousands of Palestinians in Nablus and Gaza marched under the banner "Yes to Peace, No to Violence."

Such events have long since stopped, as the Palestinian public cannot see any reason to identify with the present Israeli government.

The commitments made at Wye were important, but they must be reflected in a radically new approach. From the moment that both leaders made peace between themselves, they should have made it clear to all that they are not turning back. New peace thinking requires that when indiscriminate acts of violence take place against Palestinians or Israelis the response must be unified, balanced and in proportion.

Both Arafat and Netanyahu need to stand side by side after any anti-peace incident and publicly repeat their unified commitment to peace and security for both peoples.

Such a public stand will not necessarily mean an immediate end to the violence. But if Israeli and Palestinian leaders can withstand short-term public criticism, and stay on course while working genuinely for peace, there is no doubt that, in time, peace will indeed be at hand.

The Law of Return

HELEN SCHARY MOTRO

Last Friday, 22-year-old immigrant soldier Jan Shafshovitch was mortally stabbed during an attack by an Israeli upon four young Russians, including Jan's twin brother.

Three days later the director-general of the Absorption Ministry gave a speech defining home as "the place where someone is waiting for you."

Where would she call "home" now for Jan's twin, Edward, who survived?

This past spring a fire was set in an apartment in Ramat Gan. The suspected arsonist soon confessed. She was 11 years old, an immigrant from the former Soviet Union. She felt jealous, the arsonist said, about the clothes of her Israeli classmate, who lived in the apartment she had tried to burn down.

The case of this disturbed child is an extreme example. But she acted out with desperate abandon the alienation that many other young newcomers painfully internalize.

Immigrant children encounter among their native-born peers a juvenile microcosm of the adult Israeli world. A world of Us and Them. The Law of Return confers rights on paper, but precious little sensitivity.

They arrive expecting to be welcomed into a warm Jewish embrace. That's what the rhetoric led them to believe.

Instead, they slam into a cold shoulder. From the sidelines they watch tight-knit groups of natives uninterested in meeting – let alone accepting – anybody new or different. They must deal with this on top of adjusting to a new language, new climate, and new parameters.

AT the height of the Russian immigration during the early '90s, some municipal high schools ran special "immigrants' classes." The new students were thus segregated and branded from the start.

But even had they been scattered among the regular classes, they would have been recognizable before they opened their mouths. They just looked different, starting from the clothes that no Israeli teenager ever wore.

The parents' committee of one high school in Herzliya tried to organize activities and gifts for the new immigrants. They gave them menorahs at Hanukka; they went tree-planting at Tu Bishvat.

But when the kids were asked, what did they really want? The answer was simple: blue jeans. Blue jeans so they could look like everybody else, so they could walk down the hall without feeling excruciatingly self-conscious.

But a suggestion to organize a drive for donating jeans, new or used, was ignored. The committee continued to plan "introduction to Zionism" events which became more and more poorly attended until they petered out.

The parties were never with any Israeli kids, and there was no effort to create a buddy or 'big sister/brother' system.

The committee couldn't see where they had failed. Having bought into their own propaganda, they had fed the teenagers stereotypes out of an outdated civics book.

To their credit, they did recognize the newcomers needed help. Trouble was, their methods did not correspond to reality.

PEOPLE speak of the integration function the army serves. But among recent female recruits at an army base, the Russian inductees had a harder time than the rest. They were not part of the mainstream inside the khaki tents.

Not that the other recruits exactly made fun of them. It was more omission than commission. The officers were more blunt in their remarks, reinforcing the immigrants' suspicion that they started out from scratch with two strikes against them. Even little Russian girls are called names they are too young to understand the meaning of.

The shoddy reception handed children who arrived from North Africa in the 1950s is coming to light in fiction, in theater, in academic publications. And how about the welcome the suntanned Sabras accorded child survivors of the Holocaust?

It's hard to find an immigrant without a humiliating memory in his past. World literature is fueled by the emotional agonies suffered by the new kid on the block.

But no other country makes an impassioned pitch for the ingathering of the exiles. Absorbing immigrants, though, is a concept a child might memorize in school; it's not the way he is encouraged to relate to a tongue-tied newcomer hesitating beside his classroom door.

It is no wonder then that the immigrants keep to themselves, even the teenagers.

Time heals all wounds. After three or four years, the immigrant teens have learned the ropes. Unlike their parents, they no longer have accents.

So what will clinch their assimilation into the mainstream? When their own "sabra" children apply the Law of Return to exclude a fresh generation of arrivals?

Will that cement their membership in that most exclusive of Israeli in-groups: becoming "one of ours?"

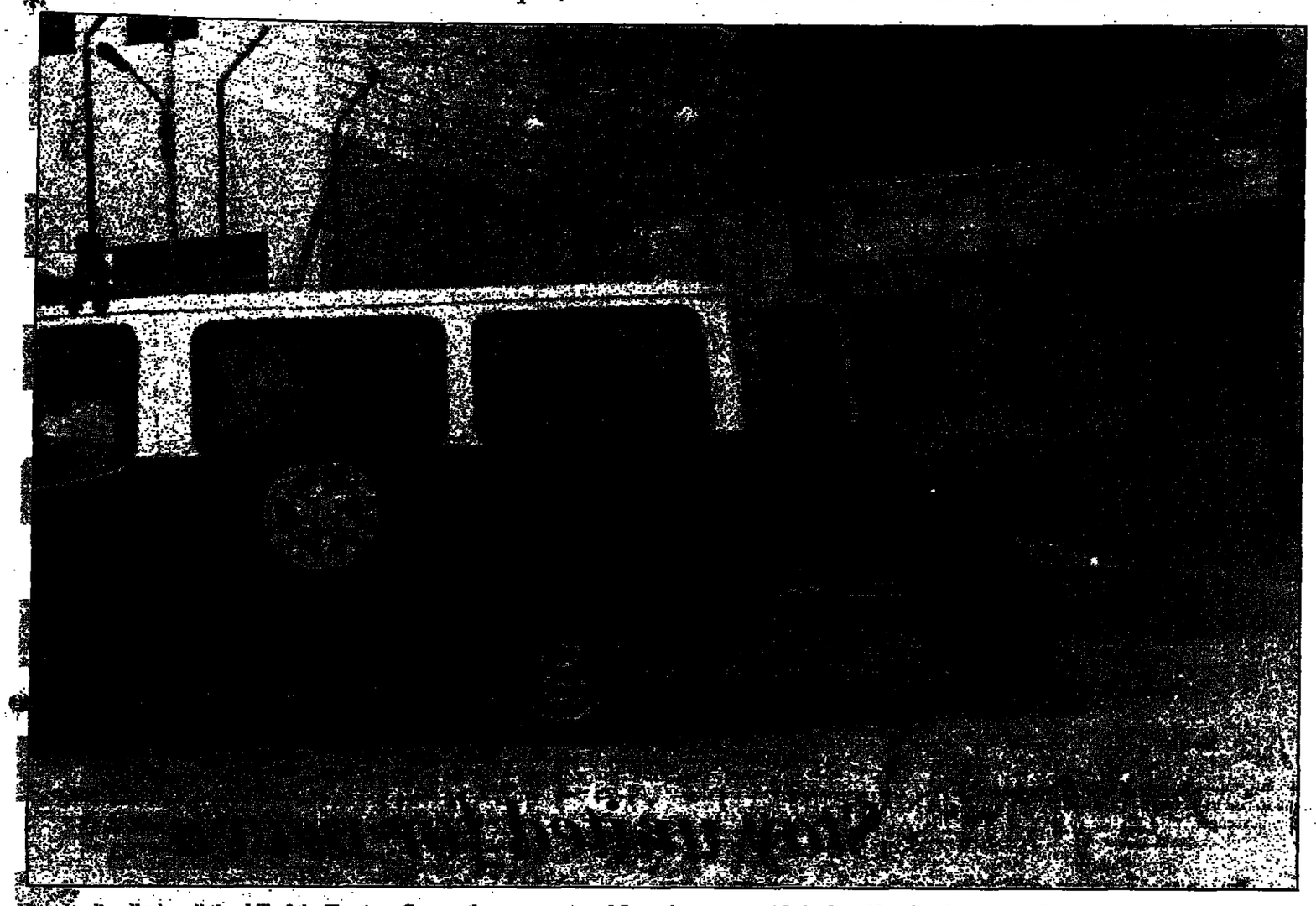
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Weekender

The Buster Keaton of Nazareth

Elia Suleiman's 'Chronicle of a Disappearance,' opening tonight at Tel Aviv's Cinematheque, finds humor in the situation of Israeli Arabs



Local police display all the skill of the Keystone Cops as they career around Jerusalem, presumably in the midst of an important mission.

By BARRY DAVIS

According to Elia Suleiman, his award-winning *Chronicle of a Disappearance* (opening tonight at the Tel Aviv Cinematheque) is definitely not a documentary. Nothing, he insists, was left to chance: "Even my parents were entirely directed by a script supervisor," he says of this, his first full-length feature movie.

Nonetheless, the first half of *Chronicle of a Disappearance* – entitled "Personal Diary" – displays much that could be termed documentary-like.

Much of the action revolves around the home of the director's family in Nazareth as they go about their daily chores. We are privy to a scene in which a group of women – including Suleiman's mother and aunt – peel garlic in the kitchen while discussing the virtues of using the pungent vegetable in its pure form or buying it already peeled. Meanwhile, Suleiman's father tends to his budgerigar and enjoys a few carefree moments with his playful dog. Somewhat directed as they may well have been, these scenes are the stuff of the purest form of the documentary genre and, at Suleiman's own admission, the cast of 40 or so did not contain a single professional actor. "Most of our lives we spend in the banality of things, and not on accidents and events," explains the director, and we are duly served a generous portion of the banal.

But, there is much more to the movie than just recording the life and times of the Suleiman family. First and foremost, this is the tale of a Palestinian (as he describes himself) who returns to his native land in search of his roots, after a long absence abroad. (Suleiman has spent most of the last 16 years in New York and Paris.) Expertly shot by French cameraman Mark-Andre Betien, *Chronicle of a Disappearance* also conveys a strong political statement as Suleiman calls on a powerful arsenal of satire, parody, black humor and a remarkable deadpan visual style to preach his own personal view of the way things are in this neck of the woods.

Dryness of form, or subtlety, is a central theme of Suleiman's professional ethos: "I refuse to make anything clear." He likens his tendency to leave certain things unsaid, and deliberately vague, to falling in love with a woman and never quite understanding, or wishing to understand, all her mannerisms: "Because your pleasure also comes from the vagueness," he proffers.

There are scenes in the film which are as funny as anything you are likely to see on the big screen. Irony abounds as a shopkeeper in a Nazareth souvenir store fills up vials of "holy water" from the tap in preparation for the expected onslaught of busloads of gullible tourists.

Suleiman's acting presence has a dominant impact on the weight of the film. His deadpan, slightly mournful facial expression, as he impassively watches a man performing tai-chi and all manner of comical dance movements outside his house, immediately reminds one of Buster Keaton. This, is not the first time Suleiman has been likened to the legend of the Silent Era. Suleiman reveals that a Hollywood executive commented that he bears a remarkable resemblance to Keaton. The film's comic content also has the scent of French humor to it, conjuring images of some of Jacques Tati's more memorable comedies of the 1950s.

THE SECOND half – "Political Diary" – is very different from the first part. While there are a number of comical, even farcical, scenes – including a hilarious sequence in which Suleiman makes repeatedly unsuccessful attempts to begin a lecture about his movie as his microphone plays up, various members of the audience get up to answer cell-phones and a baby starts to bawl its head off – the cinematographic form here is palpably more realistic than in the first half.

Although most of *Chronicle of a Disappearance* was scripted, there were a number of scenes which evolved as the shooting progressed. This, Suleiman explains, was a deliberate ploy on his part, creating "a sort of a film within a film" as the director, returning to his homeland after a long exile with the intention of making a film about his search for his roots, loses the thread of the narrative. Somewhat qualifying his earlier contention that the film was a purely premeditated work of art, Suleiman says that he had decided to let the narrative generate itself. The moment he was waiting for occurs when a Keystone Cops-like group of Israeli policemen inadvertently drops a walkie-talkie while careering around Jerusalem, presumably in the midst of an important mission.

At this point, Suleiman called a halt to the shooting and went off to augment the script. Work on the film resumed a few days later, and the narrative took a new departure.

Suddenly the hero is no longer an impassive bystander, as events catch up with him and he becomes inextricably involved in the action. Realizing that he can no longer maintain the role of voyeur, Suleiman passes the baton on to a young Arab woman called Adan, and the focus of attention shifts to her. The film then progresses to one of its more contrived scenes in which the director is at pains to portray a sense of discrimination as Adan is repeatedly foiled in her attempt to find accommodation in western Jerusalem purely due to her Arab origin. True to its title, the latter part of the film is almost entirely political in nature, mixing satire and realism to press the point home.

Meanwhile, Suleiman is already in the throes of making his next feature film, no doubt spurred on by his critically acclaimed full-length directorial debut which won the Luigi de Lorentes Prize at the Venice Festival for the best first feature film, as well as the Silver Bear Award at the Festival of the Three Continents in 1996. Not bad for a young man from Nazareth who never studied the art of cinema and who claims to be incapable of shooting "anything in focus."

Jazz with a view

By SARAH ARENS

The regulars will kill me. It's Jerusalem's best-kept secret, after all, the mellowest pre-Shabbat venue on record.

The Nof Cafe sounds like a cliched name, until you visit the place, located on the Sherover Promenade, and see the view. Aficionados have been coming here for the Friday afternoon jazz sessions since the place opened at the beginning of summer.

It's rare enough in Jerusalem to be able to enjoy good – if idiosyncratic – jazz, but even rarer so when it's alfresco, panoramically inspired and coupled with a delicious selection of excellent country fare: the freshest ingredients, professionally prepared and graciously served. There's a hint of Italian in the bread and cheese, a whiff of French in the salads and a healthy dose of hedonism in the well-chosen wine and beer.

Gur Malcolm, the charismatic manager, runs the place in suitably relaxed fashion, helped by his brother Daniel and his friend Yaniv. The recent, welcome addition of some tasteful striped parasols now means that patrons need not rush for the tables beneath the shade of the olive tree, but can now spill out onto the path in front of the cafe.

The summer menu is being adapted for winter with the help of food writer and broadcaster Aviva Segal. The ingredients will remain simple and fresh, but there is to be a wider variety, including something to warm you on a cold day.

Cafe Nof is located in the part of the promenade (named) that is maintained by Gita Sherover, who keeps a watchful and discerning eye on the goings-on here. Thankfully, she agreed to the cafe remaining open throughout the winter, and a glass front looking out onto the panoramic view is planned shortly.

Other innovations that mark Malcolm as an inspired manager are the introduction of candlelight dinner/jazz sessions and interactive theater nights, where diners will be called upon to make impromptu contributions to the proceedings.

The program of events continues every Friday afternoon with jazz sessions, flamenco, modern dance performances and the interactive theater, from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Indulge in some foot-tapping or even a spot of dancing. Then you can enjoy a candlelight dinner against the surreal backdrop of Jerusalem's Old City and Jordan's Moab mountains.

Or, if you prefer silence, star-gazing and good, old-fashioned romance, pick any other night of the week to visit this most exclusive of Jerusalem jazz venues and dining clubs. The approximate cost of dinner per person, including one drink, is NIS 50.

For a family outing, the cafe is open for brunch on Saturday from 11 to sunset. There is an adjacent children's playground with a slide and sandpit.

To get there: Bus 8 to East Talpiot. By car: Turn off Derech Hevron at Rehov Naomi, and follow the lower path for 300 meters until you reach the parking area.

Cafe Nof, Sherover Promenade
East Talpiot, Jerusalem

AFTER HOURS

Gershwin on my mind

Composer Alan Gershwin talks about his favorite songs written by his father, George Gershwin



Alan Gershwin at 33 (superimposed on a photo of George Gershwin at 33)

Alan Gershwin has been writing music since he was five years old. He was a curious child, he says, whose favorite word was "Why?" and would always ask his father, George Gershwin, about what he was doing. His father encouraged this interest, teaching him to write music.

"I've written hundreds of songs and hundreds of pieces of music," Alan Gershwin said recently during a visit to Jerusalem.

The younger Gershwin's works include modern music and art songs and have been recorded by Elvis Presley and other top artists.

During his last visit to Israel, some 35 years ago, he met David Ben-Gurion, who "was curious to know about my father's music, why it was so fresh in the minds of people today.

"It's a message from the soul of one person to the soul of another," Gershwin told him.

In addition to writing music, Alan Gershwin taught composition and stylization and served as a cultural attaché for the US State Department from 1958 to 1972. He traveled around the world, representing the US through his father's music and trying "to show that Gershwin music is universal." Here Gershwin reflects on which of his father's songs are his own favorites:

1. "Someone to Watch Over Me"
"This song, which was written for my mother and wasn't supposed to be published, was the hit of the show in 1926 when it was incorporated into *Okay*. It's a beautiful number, a heartwarming song."

2. "I Got Rhythm"
"This song was also my father's favorite because it's simple, easy to remember, and easy to do arrangements on."

3. "The Man I Love"
"Lady and Lord Mountbatten came to New York in 1924 and heard the song at a party and loved it. They asked for a copy so that [Lady Mountbatten's] favorite orchestra, the Barkley Square Orchestra under Ray Noble, could play it and so it became a hit in Europe long before it was popular in the US. This also became a favorite of my father's."

4. "Embraceable You"
"The most requested of all [my father's] songs. 'Embraceable You' is loved because of its simplicity. The music is very memorable and very haunting, it stays in people's minds. Music has a power of its own. It gets under the skin."

5. "Stairway to Paradise"
"That song was one of the first that established his style. It became identifiable with his trademark or signature and started the style that people came to recognize as Gershwin. Throughout the early '20s, my father was hired to write songs for *George White Scandals* shows. 'Stairway to Paradise,' written in 1922, is one of the most loved of them."

– Heidi J. Gleit

Ho tip

By DAHLIA SCHEINDLIN

Tel Aviv

Artists line up tonight in support of the best cause of all – children – at **"Children, Stars and Dreams,"** an event organized by the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Do a mitzva and enjoy a hot lineup at the same time, by attending this benefit that will help the organization grant the wishes of terminally ill kids. Stars include **Shalom Assiyag, David De'or, Shoshana Damari, Tnuatron, Yaffa Yarkoni, Matti Caspi, Hani Nahmias, Tuvia Tsafir, Hanoch Roseme,** and an as-yet-unrevealed big star. Tickets are expensive – NIS 100 to NIS 250 – but for the right reason. The event takes place at 8:30 at the Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center. Call (03) 540-0743 for details.

A multi-disciplinary stimulation of all the senses is disguised as a literary event tonight. In celebration of the publishing of **Shifra Horn's** new book, *The Beauty of Women*, author Dorit Zilberman hosts a festive evening at the Tnay Cultural Center.

Along with an interview with Horn, the evening includes tasting of food mentioned in Horn's book; dance, opera and film selections. Starts at 8:30, call (03) 573-0095.

And Tel Aviv's literature scene never quits! On Sunday night, Tzavta hosts a celebration of *Look at Me*, a new book by **Eldar Cohen**, which won a prize from the Arts and Culture Council in 1998. Sections of the book will be read in monologue and dialogue; music is by Avshalom Caspi, and the lineup includes Yarden Ben-Cochba, Edan Alterman, Hanan Lederman, etc. Tzavta at 9 p.m. Call (03) 695-0156.

Does all this stuff sound too cerebral? Bust out your 3-D glasses (and maybe your bobby socks) for a weekend reminiscent of the '50s, with thrills and chills aplenty, at the **Second Festival of Interactive and Three-Dimensional Film.** At the Tel Aviv Cinematheque. Call (03) 691-7181 for more information.

Dancing devotees have a mandatory event tonight at the opening of **Curtains Up: International Exposure**, the massive modern dance festival at Suzanne Dellal.

All the greats will be there, for a whirlwind of original presentations, including Combina, Yossi Yungman, Rina Sheinfeld, Liat Dror and Nir Ben-Gal, Vertigo, Tamar Borer, and the Bat Sheva Ensemble. If you can't make it tonight, fear not: the festival continues until December 11.

On Saturday night, witness the musical enchantment of **Flamenco Plus**, with Baldi Olier, one of two sons (either Adam or Barak) who are his spitting image, and Amir Milstein. At Habimah, starting at 9, call (03) 629-5555.

New action is also happening at the Cameri Theater: tonight and Saturday night, the all-new *Uri Muri* will be presented at ZOA House. The play is a love story with an Israeli bent, dealing with Ethiopian immigrants and some more universal problems as well: age, family traditions and the complications of romance. At 8:30 p.m. both days.

Jerusalem

The capital is awash in soul this weekend, as the six-part **"Voice and the Instrument: International Jazz"** series begins tonight at the Israel Museum (Springer Auditorium), starting at 8:30. Kitty Margolis joins sax player Eric Crystal and home-grown Yaron Gottfried with Eli Magan. Call (02) 670-8985.

The ethnic spirit is fed as well, by **Yusuf v'Ehad** ("Joseph plus One"), a lumbering seven-member Jewish-Arab musical group that plays music to some intriguing texts; among them some biblical works. At Habama, 4 Yad Harutzim in Talpiot, starting at 10 p.m.

Let no musical style go unmentioned! Rock is rocking tonight as well, at the Pargod Theater, where audiences are treated to an evening of original rock with **36 Beggars** starting at 9. Call (02) 625-8819.

And after it's all over, spend Saturday night with angelic melodies sung by **David De'or**, who sings with Arnon Friedman on keyboards, in a show called *Voice from the Sky*. Starting at 10 at Beit Shmuel. Call (02) 620-3455.

And Points Beyond

AACI brings us the Anglo version of the Eurovision! Tonight the Beersheba Conservatory hosts the **Third Annual AACI English Song Competition.** Call (07) 610-2533 for details.

Laugh it up all the way to the seashore: *Double Vision* plays at Heichal Hatarbut in Tiberias tonight at 8:30; it stars Moni Moshonov and Shlomo Baraba.

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Weekender

Food & Drink

Heavy homework

A reader's traditional yummy birthday cake was too rich for comfort, Maureen Callahan writes. Her team halved the calories and fat, but kept the taste



(Creators Syndicate)

Michigan reader Dianne Compo says her family is wild about a gooey, messy, layered concoction of chocolate and coconut that for about 15 years has been the birthday cake of choice for the family. Not anymore.

"I stopped making the cake a few years ago because it's so rich," says Compo, a former English teacher and now a library-media specialist. "I have no clue how to lighten it. I hope you can help."

Admittedly it was a tough assignment. This bad boy contains coconut, butter, chocolate chips, eggs, and oil. One slice of the original cake tipped our scales at nearly 600 calories and packed more than 28 grams of fat. But with a little tinkering – adding less oil and fewer eggs and cutting back on the marshmallows, coconut, and chocolate – we managed to shave off more than half of the fat and almost half of the calories.

When we sent our lightened version back to the Compo family to try at their regular Sunday dinner, we knew the minute they took the first bite that we'd done our homework correctly.

CREAMY COCONUT-TOPPED CHOCOLATE CAKE

for the cake:
1⅓ cups water
¼ cup egg substitute or 4 egg whites
2 Tbsp. vegetable oil
550 gr. package chocolate cake mix (pudding in the mix)
cooking spray

for the coconut topping:
½ cup low-fat milk
½ cup granulated sugar
9 large marshmallows
2 cups flaked sweetened coconut
½ tsp. cornstarch

for the frosting:
1½ cups sifted powdered sugar
2 Tbsp. unsweetened cocoa
2 Tbsp. low-fat milk
2 Tbsp. margarine
¼ cup semisweet chocolate chips
1 Tbsp. light-colored corn syrup

Preheat oven to 175°.

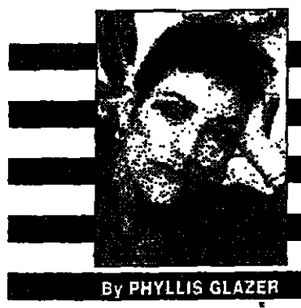
To prepare the cake, combine first 4 ingredients in a large bowl and beat at low speed of a mixer until moist. Beat mixture at medium speed 2 minutes and pour into a 23cm. x 33cm. baking pan coated with cooking spray.

Bake at 175° for 35 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool cake completely in pan on a wire rack.

To prepare topping, combine milk, granulated sugar, and marshmallows in a medium-sized saucepan and cook over medium heat 5 minutes or until marshmallows are melted. Stir in coconut and cornstarch and then bring to a boil. Cook 1 minute, stirring constantly. Spread topping evenly over cake and cool.

To prepare frosting, combine powdered sugar, cocoa, milk and margarine in a small saucepan and bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Remove mixture from heat and add chocolate chips and corn syrup, stirring until chips melt. Spread frosting gently over coconut layer. Cool until set. (Serves 18.)

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By PHYLLIS GLAZER

Phyllis's Tips

Last week, Israeli food manufacturers displayed their wares at Israfood, a food convention held at the exhibition grounds in Tel Aviv.

While many came for the free food samples, there were others who came to sample new products for their restaurants or hotels. Some of the best products we sampled were:

• El Nakhleh Coffee: Sold in a green-and-white bag in supermarkets, this Turkish coffee with a pungent taste of ground cardamom is delicious when prepared in the traditional way. (Cook it rather than just placing it in a cup, like "botz"). It's available at Supersol, Hagal Hayarok, Hypercol, HyperNetto, Co-op Tzafon, Co-op Jerusalem, Zil Vezol and Greenberg, among other stores. For information, call (04) 986-7968.

• Tres Pesos Tortillas: While I've mentioned this company several times throughout the years, it is now under new ownership – former restaurant owner Itamar Davidov and his partner Ra'anan Solomon are selling flour tortillas, tortilla "baskets" for serving hot or cold courses in, tortilla chips and frozen dough for making tortillas at home. Their products are kosher lemehadrin. They also make their own unusual and delicious jams. For information call (03) 562-0125.

• Irman's smoked salmon: I think this might be the best smoked salmon I've ever tasted. Thinly sliced, the natural process this salmon undergoes makes it taste delicately perfumed rather than smoked. According to Irman general manager Jose Isaak, what makes the smoked salmon so good is that the fish arrives at the factory within 48 hours after it leaves the sea and then is smoked naturally with no colorings or preservatives added. The salmon made by this company is intended for export, but can be purchased at the factory in the Ganir Center Building of Mateh Yehuda's Har Tuv industrial area. If you order in quantity, they'll deliver.

The price is hefty – at NIS 120 per kg. plus VAT – but if it's a really special occasion and you want to taste the caviar of smoked salmon, it's definitely worth it. Have it on a toasted bagel with cream cheese and you'll be in seventh heaven. For information call (02) 999-7717/8.

• Far Eastern foods: If you're a Far Eastern food freak and want to stock up on all the raw materials, call IMO Eastern Trading Company. It sells rice vinegar, wasabi, various seaweeds and other Far Eastern specialties. If you're not buying in quantities, you can pick up the items it imports at the Chinese Makolet (across from the parking lot at Tel Aviv's Carmel Market) or East West on Yishkon Street (also in the Carmel Market). IMO's number is (03) 635-7564.

Food fairs

November is food-fair month in two supermarket chains – Greenberg and Co-op.

At Co-op, there will be hundreds of products imported from Greece, like real feta cheese, 10% Greek yogurt, stuffed grape leaves, salads like tzaziki, eggplant and tarama, salted fish like sardines, anchovies and herring, the famous Greek Kalamata olives, stuffed olives, baked beans and okra, real phyllo, halva and various jams. A number of branches plan to have tastings of products served by models in Greek costumes and live Greek music. If you read Hebrew, you can also pick up a recipe catalog using the products.

At Greenberg, November is Canada month, celebrating an exclusive agreement between the Greenberg chain and President's Choice products, imported from Canada. As native Canadians know, President's Choice is considered almost a "cult" in Canada, with its own newsletters, cookbooks and unique products.

The original president behind President's Choice – Dave Nichols – spent years traveling the world looking for the best products from each company to sell under his label. (The company's spices are actually manufactured by McCormick, some of the breakfast cereals are made by Weetabix, etc.)

During Canada month, hot and cold tastings of products are scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday evenings and Friday mornings for three consecutive weeks.

Feedback

By PHYLLIS GLAZER

From time to time, I have found imported, canned Green Giant brand peas and/or corn and they are excellent. I've tried many locally packaged products (of varying prices) and they do not come close to taste. Can you help me support our local economy?
– Ben Benson, Haifa

First of all, you might be comforted to know that canned foods are not as nutritious as frozen or fresh foods since much of the nutritional value of canned foods is lost in the cooking water, which is usually thrown away. Canned corn often has sugar added to it. Why not try using frozen peas and corn? They are naturally sweet and of a good quality.

You gave a recipe for mango chutney (Feedback, October 16), which is seasonal. I would like to share with you and your readers my apple chutney, which can be made all year round. I have been giving jars of it to friends and family for many years.
– Mavis Milwidsky, Kiryat Ono

APPLE CHUTNEY

½ chopped lemon with peel
2 cloves garlic, chopped
2½ cups peeled and chopped Granny Smith apples
1½ cups brown sugar
1 cup seedless raisins
2 tsp. powdered ginger or fresh ginger if desired
1 tsp. salt
dash chili pepper
1½ cups vinegar

Place all the ingredients into a pot and bring to a boil, stirring from time to time. Simmer gently for 20-25 minutes until apples are soft.

Pour into warm jars and seal. Cool. Keeps for many months in the refrigerator. Always appreciated with curry dishes.

Please tell me how to say the following words in Hebrew: cooking spray; vegetable oil; chicken broth; whole-wheat flour; cayenne pepper; turmeric; fennel; sage; and chives.
– Miriam Kilmer, Haifa

Cooking spray is called *tarsis shemen*. There is no general mixed vegetable oil here, except in manufactured products. There is also no canned chicken broth; the locals often use chemical-ridden soup powder (*avkat marak off*) and reconstitute it.

Whole-wheat flour is *kemah maleh*.

You can sometimes find *pilpel cayanne* here in supermarkets, but can use *pilpel adom harif* instead. Turmeric is *korkum*, sage is *marva* and chives are *irit*.

Fennel is *shumar*. The seeds, which are available only in health-food and spice stores, are *zra'ei shumar*.

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Goop Dreams: Saucy Chocolate Fudge

By RUSS PARSONS

Most dessert sauces are well-mannered bit players that are happy going through life doing little but pointing out how delicious everything else around them is.

What could be more innocuous than *creme Anglaise*, for example? And although a raspberry puree is delicious, it is mainly there to complement the chocolate.

Not fudge sauces. They stomp on stage accompanied by the blaring of trumpets and the beating of drums. They dance around, waving their arms and shouting, "Look at me!" As if it were remotely possible to miss them.

A good fudge sauce is voluptuous, thick and creamy, and even slightly sticky. The flavor is a raucous combination of dark chocolate and sometimes slightly bitter cocoa, with a liberal dousing of vanilla extract – or even cognac – behind the ear for good measure.

At the same time, it would be a mistake to confuse their brashness with simplicity. Because their flavor lacks delicacy doesn't mean the same is true for their preparation. A fudge sauce can be a tricky thing to put together.

While it's fairly simple to make a chocolate sauce – melt chocolate in heated cream – giving that sauce the thick, rich texture of fudge takes some doing.

As does getting it to keep that texture once it's poured over freezing-cold ice cream. If you've tried that with a regular chocolate sauce, you've found that the chocolate tends to form a hard shell on the ice cream or separate into waxy little bits.

Why doesn't this happen with fudge sauce? Because the chocolate is bound up with corn syrup.

While most sugars begin as crystals anxious to revert to that form, corn syrup is a complex combination of various sugars and carbohydrates in a viscous solution. Its very nature inhibits crystallization, even when regular crystalline sugar is added to it.

I made almost a dozen fudge sauces from various cookbooks. Of those, there were four I really liked. The ones from master baker Nick Malgieri's new book, *Chocolate*, and Nancy Silverton's old book, *Desserts*, had good flavor, but to my taste were too rich and sticky, even for fudge sauces. I want a fudge sauce that has body but doesn't coat your mouth.

Much closer was ever-reliable Helen Witty's fudge sauce from *Fancy Pantry*. Its flavor is pure nostalgia – it tastes just like really good brownie batter. The texture was better – it coated without feeling sticky – but it was a bit grainy.

At first, I thought I had found the perfect fudge sauce in Rose Levy Beranbaum's *The Cake Bible*. It had it all, a seductively smooth texture, a complex chocolate flavor and a delicate aftertaste of butter.

Unfortunately, that delicacy was its undoing when I tasted it on vanilla ice cream. Although it would have been perfect served beside some kind of pastry, on ice cream the chocolate flavor lacked the edge it needed to compete with the other flavors.

I could see the potential in both Witty's and Beranbaum's sauces, but they are entirely different.

Witty's is pure innocence, a taste straight from childhood (well, actually it hasn't been all that long since I licked out a brownie bowl). Beranbaum's is about as sophisticated as a fudge sauce can be. It's high-fashion fudge.

I decided to fine-tune them, making each more like what I thought it should be.

To improve the texture in the Witty recipe, I increased the ratio of corn syrup to sugar. Although too much corn syrup makes sauce sticky, too little won't keep the sugar from crystallizing.

Increasing the corn syrup from 1/4 cup to 1/2 cup and then cutting the sugar from 2 cups to 1 1/2 cups turned out a sauce with a lovely satiny finish.

To give the Beranbaum sauce the edge it needed, first I tried adding a bit more cocoa (unsweetened cocoa provides a beautifully bitter tinge to chocolate sauces). But the thing that ended up working the best was reducing the butter. With the butter cut from 3 tablespoons to 2, the chocolate tastes that were already there were able to shine through.

When these two sauces were tried in the Los Angeles Times Test Kitchen, neither of them worked perfectly. The Witty-based sauce was still a little grainy; the Beranbaum-based sauce was too thin.

It turns out the graininess of the Witty sauce wasn't entirely due to the sugar-corn syrup ratio after all, but to something much simpler – the wrong chocolate. When we substituted a good brand of bittersweet chocolate for the combination of semi-sweetened and unsweetened Bakers brand chocolate, the graininess went away.

As for the Beranbaum sauce, it took some experimentation before I remembered that after testing the final batch, I'd doubled the recipe (it makes only 2/3 of a cup, which seemed kind of skimpy). Cooked in that quantity though, I never could get the sauce to thicken. When I cut the recipe in half, it came together like a dream. My guess is that by the time that quantity of corn syrup is cooked enough to thicken, the water has begun to come out of solution.

When the test kitchen began playing with different fudge sauces, many tasters liked the Silverton sauce best of all, and for exactly the same reasons I didn't like it as well – its rich, mouth-filling stickiness and austere lack of sweetness. Go figure.

So here are all three.

GINGHAM FUDGE SAUCE

This recipe is based on the one in Helen Witty's Fancy Pantry.

1 cup light cream
1½ cups sugar
¼ tsp. salt
½ cup light corn syrup
6 Tbsp. butter
160 gr. bittersweet chocolate
2 tsp. vanilla extract

Heat cream, sugar, salt, corn syrup, butter and chocolate in saucepan over low heat, stirring constantly until sugar, butter and chocolate are thoroughly melted. Continue cooking, stirring frequently until sauce thickens, about 10 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla extract. (Makes about 3 cups.)

HIGH-FASHION FUDGE SAUCE

This is adapted from the fudge sauce in Rose Levy Beranbaum's The Cake Bible.

45 gr. bittersweet chocolate
2 Tbsp. cocoa
⅓ cup water
2 Tbsp. butter
¼ cup sugar
2 Tbsp. light corn syrup
dash salt
½ tsp. vanilla extract



Heat chocolate, cocoa and water in heavy saucepan over low heat until chocolate melts, about 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Add butter, sugar, corn syrup and salt, and simmer, stirring, until sugar melts.

Stop stirring and cook at moderate boil until sauce thickens, 5-10 minutes. Swirl mixture in saucepan occasionally to keep from sticking. Cool slightly and stir in vanilla. (Makes about ⅔ cup.)

NANCY SILVERTON'S PEARLS AND MINK FUDGE SAUCE

This recipe is adapted from Nancy Silverton's Desserts.

225 gr. bittersweet chocolate, cut into 5cm. pieces
¼ cup sugar
½ cup light corn syrup
½ cup plus 2 Tbsp. water
¼ cup unsweetened cocoa powder
½ Tbsp. instant coffee
3 Tbsp. cognac or brandy

Melt chocolate pieces in large stainless-steel mixing bowl (or top of double boiler) over saucepan of gently simmering water. Be sure water does not touch bottom of mixing bowl to prevent chocolate from burning. Turn off heat and keep warm over warm water until ready to use.

Bring sugar, corn syrup, water, cocoa powder and instant coffee to boil in large saucepan over medium-high heat. Reduce heat to medium-low and simmer 1-2 minutes, stirring constantly to dissolve cocoa powder and sugar and to prevent burning on bottom of pan.

Whisk in melted chocolate. Boil hot fudge for few minutes to reduce to consistency you desire. It should be quite viscous and surface should have glossy shine. Cool slightly and beat in cognac. (Makes about 2 cups.)

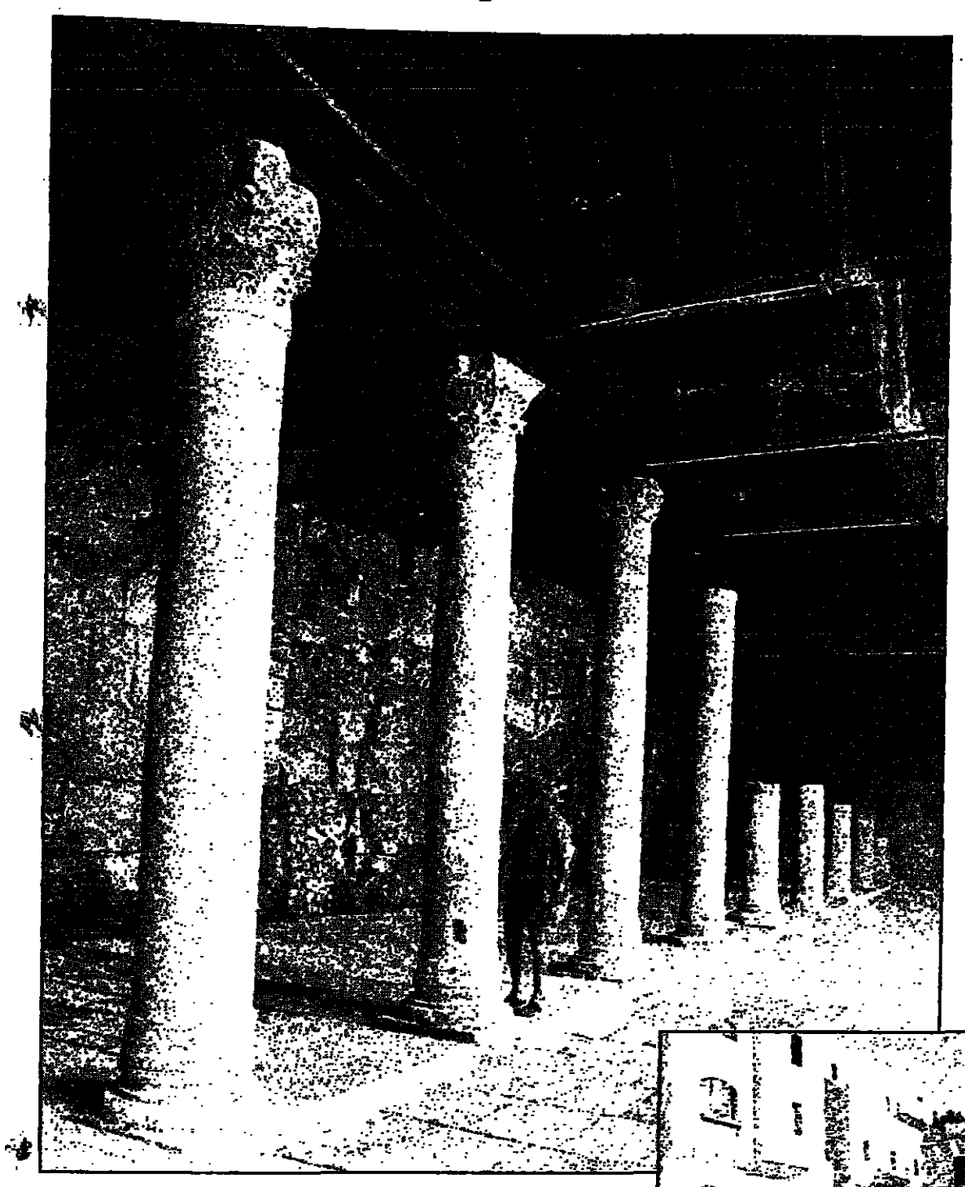
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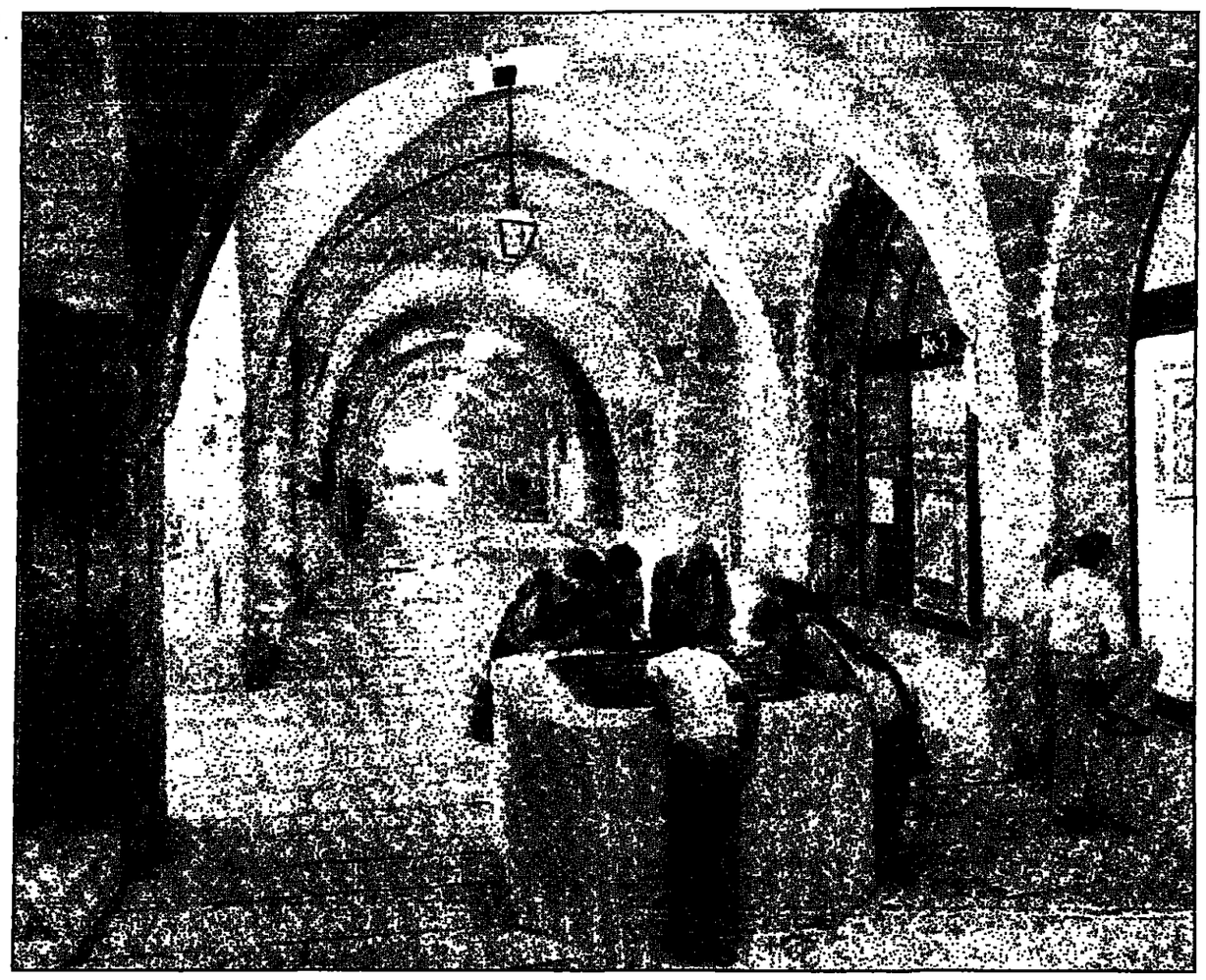
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The empire strikes back in Jerusalem's Cardo

Weekender Travel





You can peer down a windowed shaft in the Jewish Quarter and see bedrock about seven meters below, and the seam where a Hasmonean wall and earlier First Temple wall join. (Werner Braun)



Archeological excavation in the Jewish Quarter has uncovered the ancient Cardo: (above) the reconstructed exterior section; (left) the reconstructed interior columns. (Photos: Dr. J. Fishman)

Close Encounters

By Allan Rabinowitz

History books on the Roman Empire often assess the Emperor Hadrian as one of the greatest, if not the greatest, of the Roman emperors. The empire in the early second century CE had reached its territorial apex – stretching from England in the north to the African coast of the Mediterranean, and from Gibraltar to points east of Israel.

In the 130s, Rome under Hadrian had spawned a ubiquitous, standardized culture, with road networks, libraries, schools, municipal planning and universal law. Hadrian was fascinated by architecture – and the glory, elegance and accomplishment of his Pantheon in Rome are reflected in the Dome of the Rock and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem and the Capitol building in Washington.

But Hadrian's influence in Jerusalem far surpasses the use of domes. Upon the ruins of the city destroyed in the great revolt of 70 CE, Hadrian proposed building a new pagan city. That proposal itself, in addition to his banning ritual circumcision as mutilation, might have helped spark the second Jewish revolt by Bar Kochba (132-35).

After ruthlessly suppressing the rebels, Hadrian built his city anyway, and the entire layout of Jerusalem's Old City is patterned after it.

Under the present Damascus Gate, for example, sits part of the main entrance into Hadrian's city (named Aelia Capitolina). Inside that gate, to the left, stands part of a guard tower. Straight ahead and to the right is the plaza Hadrian built (this can be visited). We can imagine Roman soldiers lingering in the guard towers and passersby admiring the bust of the emperor which topped a pillar.

But to complete the picture, imagine Jewish blood oozing between the plaza stones. Between the planning of Hadrian's pagan city and its construction, the Bar Kochba revolt flashed and died. About 500,000 Jews were killed, many more dispersed, and Roman losses were so heavy that the emperor deleted the common greeting assuring the security of his troops when reporting the victory to the Senate.

WE will follow the Cardo Maximus, the main north-south street that was a common urban feature in Roman cities, from Damascus Gate to the Jewish Quarter, where it has been excavated and reconstructed.

From Damascus Gate walk straight ahead through the colorful bedlam of the market until the two main alleys fork. Two Hadrianic streets split off near here from Hadrian's plaza and could be found beneath us if we took a core sampling.

The branch heading southwest, to the right, follows the route of the Cardo Maximus. The branch splitting left, or southeast, formed a secondary cardo, which was also lined with columns and shops. On its way straight down to the Western Wall plaza, this secondary road intersects into the traditional route of the Via Dolorosa (a route established in the 13th century by the Crusaders). The street includes some of the huge paving stones from Hadrian's street, carved with cross-hatching to prevent the slippage of horse hooves.

Follow the right-hand branch, which will take you over the unexcavated section of the Cardo Maximus, along a narrow alley in the Arab market lined with souvenir shops, shoe stores, coffee and spice stalls, cobblers and butcher shops with hanging carcasses. A few Hadrianic columns which once lined the elegant shopping street are embedded in the walls between stalls.

This road eventually crosses David Street, built over what was known as the Decumanus in Hadrianic times. David Street heads west toward Jaffa Gate and east to the Temple Mount and the Dome of the Rock (in Hadrian's day, a temple to the god Jupiter surmounted the ruins of the Temple). The pattern of a north-south street with east-west cross streets was common to Roman urban planning. In Jerusalem, the design probably had to be adapted to the hilly, stony terrain, in addition to the multiple layers of ruins already accrued.

We cross David Street and take a few steps forward into the contemporary Jewish Quarter and the archeological excavation that has uncovered the ancient Cardo. Hadrian seems to have stopped his road here, only for it to be picked up later by Constantine, the first Byzantine emperor.

From the observation platform we can look down and across at a tangle of remains that include Byzantine structures and Hasmonean and First Temple period walls. If we peer down a windowed shaft we can see bedrock about seven meters below us, and the seam where a Hasmonean wall and earlier First Temple wall join.

The Hasmoneans, who abutted their wall to one dating back to Zedekiah and Jeremiah, before the first destruction of Jerusalem, must have approached that task with the same deep feelings that accompanied the modern excavators of Masada.

The vaults on either side of us are original Crusader shops in a covered street that supports buildings on top. We can almost picture the dark, covered alley filled with smoke from blacksmith shops, echoing with the metallic clatter of Crusader armor and metal-shod horses, and rats skittering along the gutters.

The next section represents the Byzantine cardo. Some 26 meters wide (only partially exposed), this elegant shopping mall had two rows of columns, awninged sidewalks and drainage channels.

Moving south into a small amphitheater, you'll find a model of the famous mosaic Byzantine map, dating back to the sixth century and found in Medaba, Jordan, in the 1890s. This is the earliest known map of Jerusalem and reveals not only the extent of the Byzantine city, but the centrality of the cardo as well. The map shows how the Christian city, while radically transforming the earlier pagan city (the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, for example, stands where an earlier pagan temple to Aphrodite stood), nevertheless preserved the Roman blueprint. Hadrian's plaza and the two cardos, lined with columns, are clearly discernible.

The last, southernmost section of the excavated cardo exposes shopping stalls chipped out of the bedrock. Note that the street now runs within the bedrock, whereas the Crusader segment ran well above.

Though blocked at this point in the Jewish Quarter, the cardo clearly continued in Byzantine times toward Mt. Zion. It connected several main churches and shrines, including the massive Nea Church, whose vaults can be seen today beneath the Jewish Quarter parking lot.

Hadrian made his stylish new city Judenrein. It is perhaps ironic, then, that the synagogue and buildings which comprised the core of the current Jewish Quarter (established in the late 13th century) sit atop the rubble of the extension of Hadrian's graceful boulevard.

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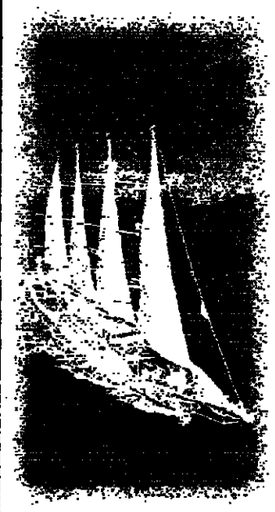
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Teaming fashion and fragrance



(Above) Keren Oberson's newest creations – studies in gray – are both ageless and timeless; (Below) Father Gideon Oberson's horizontally pleated pants didn't seem quite right with the beaded tassels dangling from a gold lace top. (Sivan Farag)



(Top left) The first whiff of L'Eau de Sonia Rykiel gives the mistaken impression that the famous knitwear designer has entered the arena of male fragrances. (Above and inset) French fashion designer Lolita Lempicka has launched her first fragrance with the same degree of impudence and extravagance that she applies to her visibly wearable creations.

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

IF you're tired of *shloomp*, you're going to love this winter's fashions. Glamour and easy elegance are back on the fashion runways, and the transfer from the catwalk to the street is just a matter of time.

Okay, let's be honest, Gideon Oberson never really stopped being glamorous.

After all, you can't be a classic couture designer and allow glamour and elan to fall by the wayside. But now that glamour has made a magnificent, albeit belated, comeback, Oberson and his daughter Keren are having a field day.

The two unveiled their respective collections last week at Gan Oranim at a gala buncheon hosted by Nila, the wives and daughters of the members of the Israel Diamond Exchange.

Since father and daughter have been working side by side for 18 years, it is not surprising that there are certain similarities in their collections. When she presented her first showings two years ago, Keren Oberson was obviously catering to a younger clientele than her father. But this time around, her creations – studies in gray – were both ageless and timeless. If anything, they reflected a transition from the young and carefree to the woman of the world.

Draped shawls, ponchos and stoles featured strongly, accentuating a dramatic feminine image conveyed by softly tailored, high-necked and beautifully shaped dresses, coats, tunics and jackets cut in pure, clean lines. Models in close fitting jumpsuits paraded along the runway with feline grace, but the most striking items were the regal maxi-coats and tone-on-tone flowered silver silk tunics.

An Asiatic influence featured strongly in both collections, expressed in mandarin collars and asymmetric closures on dresses and jackets.

Gideon Oberson's adaptation of the Chinese cheongsam in Westernized frock coats and jackets was a marvelous blend of ethnic flavor with European chic.

Oberson has a weakness for pleats, and this time he should have given them a miss. The horizontally pleated pants, though fascinating as a fashion concept, didn't seem quite right with the beaded tassels dangling from a gold lace top.

Another Oberson signature detail is the plunge. His evening-wear collections (as well as his swimwear in summer) feature garments that are very high-necked in front with deep plunging backs, halternecks that plunge low in the front, or low-buttoned jackets worn over bare torsos.

Anyone expecting to see one or all of the above was not disappointed – and as always, Oberson made the most of specialty fabrics, many of which sparkled with metallic threads, sequins or beading.

UNLIKE the major American and European fashion houses, Oberson is not yet combining fashion with fragrance. It's still "too soon," he says, for a signature perfume.

Who knows, maybe he'll change his mind by this time next year.

Meanwhile, French fashion designer Lolita Lempicka has launched her first fragrance with the same degree of impudence and extravagance that she applies to her visibly wearable creations.

The first whiff of L'Eau de Sonia Rykiel gives the mistaken impression that the famous knitwear designer has entered the arena of male fragrances. The tang is definitely masculine, strongly reminiscent of aftershave. But, here again, your nose can betray you. The boisterous aroma subsides into a fragrance that is softer, more romantic and deliciously pleasant. Rykiel's bottle is angular. It's what she calls her sweater bottle.

What's fascinating about nearly all the new fragrances is the strong vanilla component. Vanilla's popularity is soaring in all directions. It flavors our cakes, our tea, our coffee and our perfumes – and yet it never becomes so familiar as to breed contempt.



Christian Dior's latest offering, Hypnotic Poison, was created to complement Dior's smoky fall-winter make-up colors and its daring fashion designs.

The Lolita Lempicka perfume is an important lesson in how not to be swayed by first impressions. With top notes including ivy and aniseed, heart notes of violet, iris and amerena, and base notes of vetiver, tonka bean, vanilla and musk, the perfume initially comes across as too sweet, too strong and too gauche. But give it time to settle, and it develops a delightful, teasing femininity. The baroque-style, mauve, apple-shaped bottle with gold love symbols is absolutely gorgeous, and the perfume is sprayed through the stem that protrudes from the gold stopper.

It's definitely the apple season in the world of perfume. Christian Dior's latest offering, Hypnotic Poison, which also comes in a red-and-black apple-shaped bottle, was created to complement Dior's smoky fall-winter make-up colors and the daring designs of fashion wunderkind John Galliano, Dior's head designer.

It's all part of the total image. The name of the fragrance alone evokes images of something passionate, mysterious, bewitching and diabolic. Here too, one has to wait for the effect to take hold. Of the more than 70 ingredients in the formula, vanilla, jasmine, jacaranda, amber and musk are the dominants – but they have to properly penetrate the skin before they can exude their combined magnetism. The end result is sensational.

Bridge
It's never too late

By MATTHEW GRANOVETTER

East dealer
East-West vulnerable

North (Gordon)
♠A K J 10
♥-
♦K 6 2
♣K 9 7 4 3 2

West
♠8 6 4 3
♥K 7 6 5
♦Q 10 7 4
♣A

East
♠7 2
♥A Q J 8 4
♦A J 9 3
♣10 8

South (Schapiro)
♠Q 9 5
♥10 9 3 2
♦8 5
♣Q J 6 5

West	North	East	South
–	–	2♥	pass
3♣	double	3♦	pass
4♥	double	pass	4♠
double	pass	pass	5♣
double	(all pass)		

Opening lead: ♥5

Last month it was reported in this column that 89-year-old Boris Schapiro of London and his partner, Irving Gordon, won the gold medal in the 1998 Olympiad Senior Pairs, held this August in Lille, France. The pair plan to attend the upcoming Israeli Bridge Festival (Jan. 29-Feb. 7).

Let's look at one of the spectacular deals that helped Schapiro and Gordon achieve their victory.

The Senior Pairs is not an easy event to win. What is meant by "senior" is that the players must be only 55 or over! Many world champions entered this event, including runner-up Benito Garozzo, who won 10 world championships for Italy.

Schapiro is well-known as bridge correspondent for the *Sunday Times* and the organizer – with his wife Kuklimoo – of the annual Sunday Times Pairs, held in London every January. This event is now called "the Macallan Pairs," because the Macallan brewery is the sponsor.

Schapiro is the oldest person ever to win a world title at bridge. He has won three previous world titles: one in 1938; at the Bermuda Bowl teams in 1955, and at the 1962 World Mixed Teams. He has also won numerous European titles and England's Gold Cup 10 times.

Schapiro is very witty and a generous host. He was a teammate of mine in 1975 during an exhibition match in Leeds for the benefit of the visiting Israeli bridge team of that year.

In today's deal, Schapiro made two daring bids with the worst hand at the table. He converted a potential bottom score to a top score. East opened two hearts, showing a two-suited hand with hearts and an undisclosed minor.

Schapiro passed and West bid three clubs, which was a forcing relay, and asked East to show his minor. This allowed Gordon (North) to double with his club suit and East bid three diamonds.

Schapiro passed again and West jumped to game in hearts. When North doubled this, he meant it for takeout, but many players with the South cards would pass the double. If Schapiro had passed, West would have easily made 11 tricks for a bottom score for Schapiro-Gordon.

Schapiro, however, read his opponents perfectly and pulled the double to four spades, despite owning only a three-card spade suit. West doubled and now another crucial moment arrived when this was passed around to Schapiro.

He decided to trust West's double and he removed to five clubs. This was also doubled, but when West led a heart and dummy appeared. Schapiro had no regrets.

"Thank you, partner," he said blandly, staring at one of the best dummies possible. Schapiro ruffed the heart lead in dummy and led a trump to West's ace.

West was now afraid that South held the jack of diamonds and that a diamond lead would present South with a trick. So West shifted to what he thought was a safe spade.

Schapiro was able to say "thank you" again, this time to his opponent.

Schapiro drew the last trump and ran the four spade tricks, discarding a diamond from his hand. It was now an easy matter to ruff two of dummy's diamonds in his hand and make 11 tricks for a top score.

If East-West had been playing more sophisticated methods on defense, East could have signaled at trick one with a discouraging heart, asking West to shift to a diamond, dummy's weaker side suit, when he next obtained the lead.

THE Israeli Simultaneous is this Saturday night, throughout the country. Check with your local club for details.

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Chess
Respect your elders

By NIGEL SHORT

"YOU know, young man, I think I shouldn't have offered you that draw. You're a very superficial player, but my offer made you think deeper than you normally do, and from this moment on you played quite well." Viktor Korchnoi to Peter Svidler after being soundly thrashed by him at Groningen 1996.

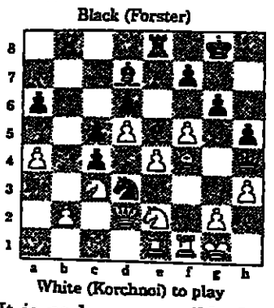
"If I were wearing a hat, I would take it off to you right now." Peter Svidler to Viktor Korchnoi after being soundly thrashed by him at St Petersburg a few months later. That same evening, Korchnoi was heard for the first time praising Svidler's depth of understanding as a chessplayer.

At 67 years of age, it is astonishing how fiercely Viktor craves reverence from the younger generation. It is even more surprising how he keeps earning that veneration — for he has had quite a year. His first place in Sarajevo a few months ago was exceptional, considering the world class opposition. And his form has held up, albeit against a weaker field, at the Nagler Memorial event in Zurich where he showed his fellow countrymen just who is the boss. Here we see him dismissing Richard Forster in a typically robust manner.

White: Korchnoi
Black: Forster
Nagler, 10.8.98

1. d4 ♘f6 2. c4 c5 3. d5 g6 4. ♘c3 ♗g7 5. e4 d6 6. f3 0–0 7. ♘g5 This is one fairly good way of meeting the Benoni. The e-pawn is well protected and White will extract a small concession on the kingside. The only drawback is that it is sometimes difficult to develop the remaining pieces. 7. ...e6 8. ♘ge2 exd5 9. cxd5 a6 10. a4 h6 11. ♘e3 ♘bd7 12. ♘g3 ♘e5 13. ♘e2 ♘d7 14. ♕d2 h5 Forgive me but I am rather ignorant as to the nuances of this particular line. At the risk of offending the experts, it appears to me that this weakening advance should only be made if it can be followed up quickly by h4, which at least has the merit of throwing a little confusion into the White camp. Otherwise Kh7 should be preferred. 15. 0–0 b5 16. ♘g5 ♖e8 17. f4 ♘c4 18. ♘xc4 bxc4 19. f5 ♕e7 19. ...h4 20. ♘xh4 ♘xe4 was an interesting attempt to alter the strategic direction of the game. 20. ♖ae1 ♕e5 21. ♔h1 ♘g4 22. ♕e2?! 22. ♘f4 ♕d4 23. ♕e2 was worth a thought. Viktor appears to lose his way a little around here. 22. ...♖ab8 23. ♘f4 ♕e7 24. ♕d2 ♕h4 25. h3 ♘e5 26. ♘ge2 ♘f2+ 27. ♔g1 ♘d3

Black (Forster)



White (Korchnoi) to play

It is no longer possible for White to play making quiet moves as his position is collapsing. Viktor therefore goes straight onto the offensive. 28. ♘xe5 ♖xe5 29. ♕h6 ♕f6 30. ♘f4 ♘xf4? 30. ...♘xe1 31. fxg6 fxg6 32. ♘xg6 ♘f5!! may have thrown a spanner in the works. 31. ♖xf4 ♖xb2 32. ♖ef1 ♖e7 33. e5! ♖xe5? 33. ...dxe5 34. ♘e4 ♕h8! still offered good prospects. 34. fxg6 Suddenly it is all over: Black must lose a piece and his king remains vulnerable.34. ...♕xg6 35. ♕xg6+ fxg6 36. ♖f8+ ♔g7 37. ♖1f7+ ♔h6 38. ♖xd7 ♔g5 38. ...♖e3 39.h4! is mating. 39. ♖xd6 ♖e1+ 40. ♔h2 ♖d2 41. h4+! ♔xh4 42. ♖xg6 Mate cannot be stopped. Black resigned.

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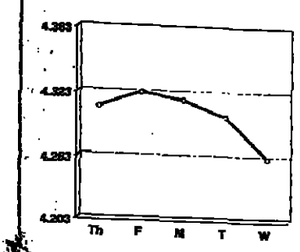
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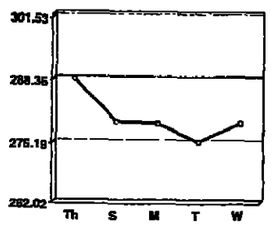
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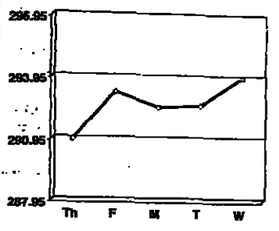
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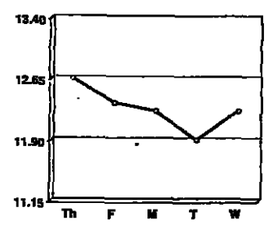
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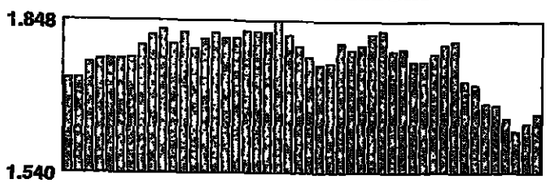
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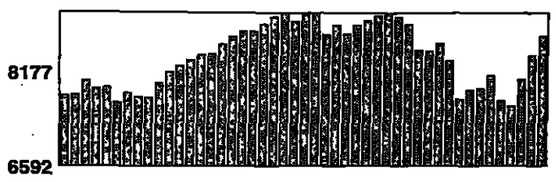


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October trade deficit totals $459m.

Israel's trade deficit totaled $459 million in October, compared to $327m. in September and $613m. in October 1997, according to figures published yesterday by the Central Bureau of Statistics.

Imports for the period reached $2.09 billion, while exports registered $1.63b. Of the imports, 47% were raw materials other than diamonds and fuel, 18% machinery and investment goods, 19% were diamonds and fuel and 16%, consumer products.

Industrial and software products comprised 75% of all exports, with 22% diamonds and the remainder agricultural produce. *David Zev Harris*

OECD mulls Israel status upgrade

The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) is currently considering granting Israel observer status on its financial markets committee. A spokesman for the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange yesterday said that officials from the organization have met last in Tel Aviv with TASE managing director Saul Bronfeld to discuss the issue.

Israel is currently an associate member of the OECD, an umbrella organization of the industrialized nations. As such, Israel has representation on 12 committees, but is not on an equal footing when competing for business with the organization's members.

Deputy director-general for international affairs at the Finance Ministry, Dan Catarives said that Israel is holding negotiations to improve its position in the organization. *Dan Gerstenfeld*

Bank of Israel withholds comment on rate mechanism

By DAVID ZEV HARRIS

The Bank of Israel yesterday refused to comment on its reported discussions with the Treasury concerning an expansion, or even the outright abolition, of the shekel's exchange rate mechanism.

Reports in several newspapers suggested the two agencies held a series of meetings in recent weeks debating the possibility of either widening the shekel's trading bands or removing them completely, thus allowing for the free trading of the currency without any central bank intervention.

"I don't report on discussions that did or did not take place," said a Bank of Israel spokesman. "No central bank in the world comments on issues concerning the exchange-rate mechanism." The spokesman also said it is "unhealthy" for such discussions to take place while exposed to the media, since "every time these matters are aired they drive the markets crazy, whether or not they were actually discussed."

The Treasury was more specific in its response: "Several journalists raised this matter as if there were intensive negotiations. At this stage, the Treasury has no intention of altering the exchange-rate mechanism, period," said Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman's spokesman, Motti Sherf.

Media reports claimed the central bank would like to abolish the trading band, while the Treasury would make do with an expansion that would keep the mechanism itself intact.

In February, David Klein, head of the monetary department at the central bank, told a Basel meeting of the Bank for International Settlements that "examining and adjusting the adequacy of our exchange-rate regime to a period of an open capital account," is on "the near-term agenda."

In August, the Bank of Israel took economists by surprise when it announced a technical change in the mechanism, which allowed for greater freedom for the market.

The diagonal exchange-rate mechanism allows the shekel to appreciate or depreciate against the basket of major currencies (US dollar, Japanese yen, German mark, British pound, and French franc) by 15 percent in either direction, before the central bank intervenes in trading.

At the moment, the shekel is hovering about the mid-point of the band, which means – as far as the Treasury is concerned – that there is no reason to significantly change the regime.

The shekel's representative rate rose to NIS 4.2630 yesterday against the dollar, a 0.884% appreciation, with a similar gain against the basket of currencies.

Maalot becomes S&P affiliate

By DAN GERSTENFELD

Israeli securities rating company Maalot yesterday announced that it had signed an affiliation agreement with Standard & Poors Rating Services.

Maalot general manger Dorit Salingar said that as part of S&P's strategy of expanding its local activities, the agency has signed similar agreements with other rating companies worldwide.

The agreement may lead in the future to S&P becoming more involved in the company, she said.

"S&P has many subsidiaries around the world who started the relationship as an affiliation agreement," Salingar said. "In some of these organizations S&P has obtained part or whole ownership."

Under the terms of the agreement, S&P can use information about local companies and the Israeli economy from Maalot, while the local company would have access to S&P's database and also receive guidance from the US agency.

Salingar said that in the future, the two agencies will launch joint projects. She added that Maalot also intends to introduce new ratings based on the models of S&P.

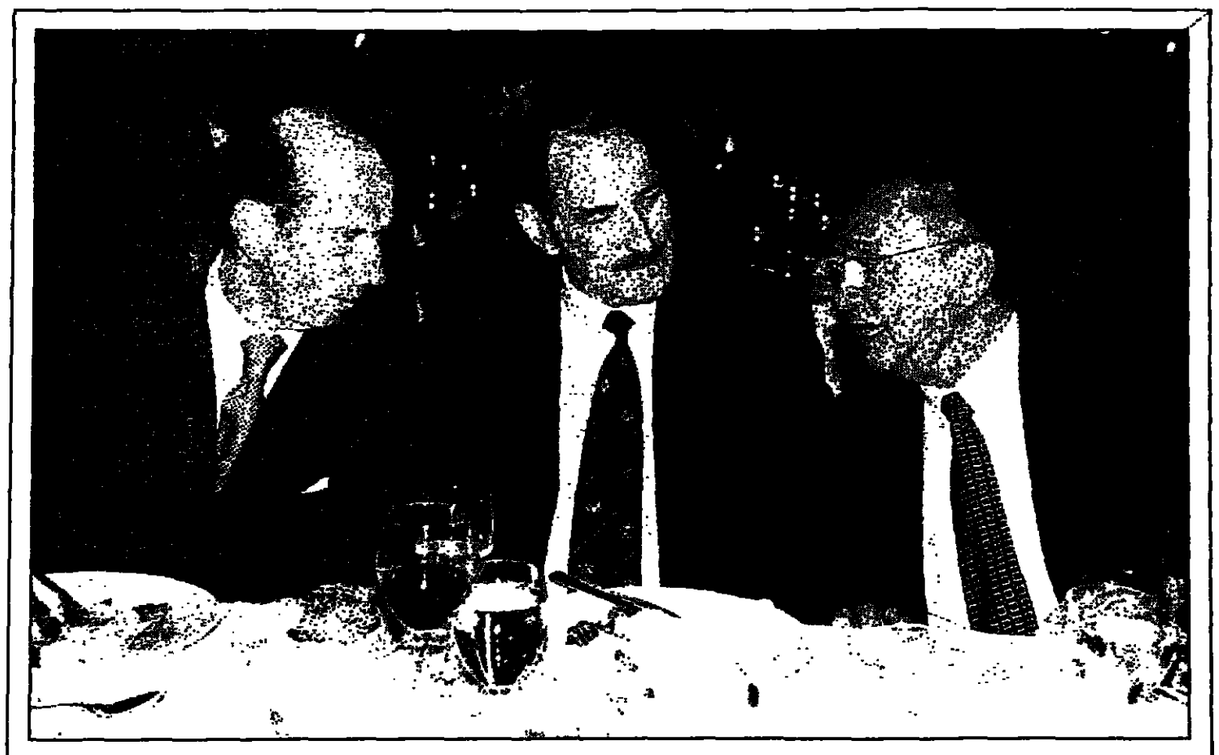
Maalot, which is the only company that rates bonds in the local market, was established in 1991 as a joint initiative of the Finance Ministry, the Securities Authority, and the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange.

The company is equally controlled by the country's five largest banks, the General Bank and the Union of Members of the TASE, the Association of Life Insurance Companies and Ilanot Batucha.

Maalot, which employs 11 workers, rated 18 local companies in 1997.

S&P, along with Moody's Investors Service, is the world's leading rating agency. The company, which started rating debt in 1916, provides credit analysis and information.

S&P announced last week that it is leaving unchanged Israel's single-A-minus long-term credit rating, adding that the outlook for the local economy is stable.



Royal praise

Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman makes a point to the Duke of Kent (left) at a dinner hosted Tuesday in Tel Aviv by the Israel-UK Chamber of Commerce, as Israel-UK Chamber of Commerce chairman Amnon Dotan looks on. The duke lauded the $3.86 billion annual bilateral trade, particularly large-scale investments here by Unilever and Cable & Wireless. Referring to Israeli high-tech firms' share offerings in London's Alternative Investment Market, better-known as AIM, he said some already call it the 'Alternative Israeli Market.' (Shlomo Wolkowicz)

Bassiouny: Israel-Egypt energy plans awaiting Cairo nod

By DAVID ZEV HARRIS

The private sector operating in Egypt has proposed a host of projects for supplying energy to Israel, but Cairo has yet to choose its preferred scheme, Egyptian Ambassador Mohammed Bassiouny said yesterday.

"There are a lot of projects in the pipeline, but until now the Egyptian government hasn't taken any decision," Bassiouny said. "You know the political atmosphere is not suitable just now."

He did not say when a decision would be likely.

Among the projects that could be considered are supplying Israel and Jordan with natural gas or electricity.

"There are a lot of these projects coming from the private sector, not the public sector," Bassiouny said.

Foreign companies led by BP-Amoco and ENI are looking to supply Israel with most of its energy needs from 2002 onwards. ENI is constructing a gas pipeline from the Nile Delta to El-Arish in the Sinai, some 25 kilometers from Israel. Italian-based ENI denies that pipeline is bound for Israel, but industry sources in Israel say it cannot be meant for any other destination.

Another possible route for the gas would be by sub-marine pipeline through the Mediterranean.

"The advantage here is that there is no need to pass through Palestinian territory nor the need to go through the expense of land expropriation and buying rights of way," an expert said.

If this becomes both Israel and Egypt's preferred option, it will be economically feasible for Israel to use its existing generation plants along the coast by switching from coal burning to gas-fuelled electricity.

One experts suggested coal could be kept as a reserve energy source, while another said oil would be a more likely substitute.

Earlier this week *The Jerusalem Post* published a report which stated Egypt would rather supply Israel with electricity generated at a plant on its side of the border because this would lead to greater profitability for the Egyptians. The report added that National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon said a year ago he was prepared to accept this offer as long as it was in addition to a cross-border gas pipeline.

The renewed interest in Egyptian power has come in the wake of the Wye agreement. For more than a year there have been no talks between Israel and Egypt in light of the lack of a breakthrough in the peace process. In recent weeks, there have been visits of senior foreign company executives in a bid to rekindle interest in the Egyptian option.

Dassault-Aerospetiale pact aims to streamline French arms sector

By PIERRE TRAN

PARIS (Reuters) – France is streamlining its military and civil aerospace sector in a race to take part in a European mega-merger aimed at competing on equal terms with US groups.

The government announced on Tuesday a shareholder agreement with the Dassault holding company in which the state will hand over its 46 percent stake in Dassault Aviation to the Aerospatiale group and create a strategic committee.

"We are seeing the emergence of a French global offer in the military and commercial sectors," director Loic Tribot La Spiere of the CEPS thinktank said. The share pact is part of a larger plan to build a national champion around Aerospatiale, he said.

A source close to a planned merger between Aerospatiale and Matra High Technology said the Dassault accord covers Aerospatiale's right to manage jointly Dassault operations, including its design offices, and research and development.

State-owned Aerospatiale, which makes Airbus passenger jets, missiles, helicopters, and space launchers, will become partially privatized by mid-1999 through the merger with Matra, which makes tactical missiles and satellites.

The Dassault pact followed last Friday's announcement that the government would order 48 Dassault Rafale combat jets early next year, seen as an essential step in bringing about the stake transfer and a long-awaited link-up with Aerospatiale.

The Rafale order would also help put a value on the Dassault stake, even though the contract value was not known, Lehman analyst Joe Campbell said.

Campbell underlined the speed and scale of the changes hitting France's aerospace sector since the arrival of Prime Minister Lionel Jospin's Socialist-led government last year.

"This is an historic thing that's happening. The Matra injection into Aerospatiale is a terrifically smart idea. It took political courage," said Campbell. He added: "Given the starting point, the French are well on their way."

The government wants to maintain the momentum following its breakthrough decision in July to merge Aerospatiale with Matra so as not to be left out of a threatened link-up between British Aerospace and Dasa of Germany.

Analysts say the next step in the French consolidation consists of transferring Dassault's military jet business to Aerospatiale, which will be folded into Aerospatiale-Matra.

That would give Aerospatiale-Matra the same portfolio of military and commercial businesses as BAe and Dasa, which work on the Tornado and Eurofighter combat jets, as well as the lucrative Airbus airliner range.

The aim is to give Aerospatiale-Matra the assets needed to negotiate a three-way merger which will form the basis for a European aerospace giant to compete with powerful US groups, such as Boeing and Lockheed Martin.

But it remains to be seen whether BAe and Dasa are convinced of the French government's willingness to cut its stake in the European company to a "golden share" veto, thus allowing Aerospatiale to move to the top.

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Africa Hotels	451	0
Africa Israel 0.1	18480	2.8
Africa Israel 1	167000	0.6
Ags	2100	0.5
Al Paper Mills	14090	1.3
Al-Rov	1641	0
Azorim	2990	4.2
Azorim Prop.	600	5.5
Bank Leumi 0.1	521	0.8
Beran	2840	1.4
Bayside 1	43800	0
Bayside 5	206500	0
Bezeq	1087	0.1
Blue Square	4800	1.1
Bramine	2460	1.7
Clal Electronics	53500	1.9
Clal Industries	1824	2.5
Clal Insurance	3150	2.6
Clal Israel 1	8930	2.2
Dan Hotels	896	0
Dankner	2000	0
Dankan	580	-2.6
Dead Sea Works 0.1	867	2.1
Delek 0.1	10720	0.2
Delek Car	525	2.9
Delta 1	3760	0
Development Mort	20000	4.1
Discount Bank	319	1.9
Discount Inv.	9130	1.2
Elbit 0.003	1179	7.2
Elbit Imaging	4070	3.6
Elbit system	5040	3.5
Elco Holdings	1916	-4.1
Elco Industries	3630	0
Electra	17200	1.8
Electra App	2880	7
Elite Ind. 1	2250	0
Elite Ind. 5	11000	0.7
Elron 0.003	5780	3.2
FIBI 5	2620	2.7
First Int'l 1	360	1.4
First Int'l 5	1701	2.5
First Int'l Mort	44500	-2.2
Formula	9910	-3.3
General Bank	8600	0
Granit Hacarmel	670	0
Hadarim Prop.	6550	-6.4
Ham-Let	1790	0
Hanosiim 0.1	725	-1.4
Harel Mishmar 1	3350	0
Harel Mishmar 5	14840	-0.4
Home Center	5800	0
I.D.B. Dev.	8110	2.1
I.D.B. Holdings	8010	3.5
ILDC	1741	0.3
Ind Bldgs	503	2.7
Israel Chemicals	363	1.1
Israel Corp. 1	28800	-2.7
Isrotel	570	0
Jolnva	710	0
JCT	27.3	0
JEC	1636	0.4
Kitan	369	-2.9
Knafaim	4200	5.8
Koor	32600	2.5
Leumi Insurance	187.3	3.3
Leumi Mortgage	51600	0.6
Lirzz	2640	0.4
Ma'anv	2380	0
Makhteshim Agan Ind.	771	2
Mamen	479	-3.4
Matab	4250	0.7
Mehadrin	11000	0
Mel Eden	1350	0
Melisseron	1100	4.7
Menorah Ins. 1	2110	0
Mishkan	51600	0
Mizrahi	674	1.7
NATSWA REGULAR	1330	-2.8
Nice Systems	7850	-1.6
Ormat Industries	414	1
Osem Industries	1799	3.8
Petrochemicals	1825	0.3
Phoenix Ins. 1	5980	-5.1
Pleason	3600	0
Poalim Inv.	10690	0.8
Point of Sale	2700	4.2
Prop & Bldg	28600	1.8
Salt Industries	1950	0.1
Shows	257	-4.1
Solel Bone	4030	0
Superpol	893	-1
Tadiran	13020	-0.3
Talkam	1612	2
Tambour	438	0
Telahot	173000	0
Tempo	1550	0
Teva	18470	3.2
Wire and Cables	1189	0
Ytong Industries	997	4.9

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	LAST	CHANGE*
Ablec	1.9	0
Abuhi	36.9	0
Ace-Spade	63	0
Ackerstein Bond B	177.5	0
Ackerstein Ind.	484	5.2
Ackerstein Zvi 1	1511	0
Ackerstein Zvi 5	8900	0
adakom	36.5	0
Adanim	326800	0
Adler	100	-8.3
Adsha	135.5	0
Adurmin	239	0
Africa Hotels Bond B	108	-2.1
Africa Hotels Warrant 2	58.2	1.4
Africa Israel Hotels Bond A	145.5	0
Alsek Ind	1084	0
Agis Warrant 3	1	0
Agis Warrant 4	277	3
Agish Int'l	323	0
Agn Investments	506	0
Al-Ben	135	0
Al-Ben Bond A	132	0
Alhe c2	100.8	0
Alhe w6	108	0
Alliance	820	0
Alonl	276	1.5
Alony-Hetz	483	0
Alony-Hetz Bond A	224	0
Alrod	241	0
Alrod Warrant 1	1.5	0
Alrov Bond D	83.6	-0.5
Alrov Warrant 5	209	0
Alumet	252	0
Alumet	1756	0
Amigar	190	0
Amitec	181.5	0
Ammel Warrant 1	38	0
Amnet	649	-1.2
Amps Investments	108000	0
Analyst EMS	600	0
Angel Trade	54	0
Angel Trade Bond A	155	0
Angel Trade Bond B	116	0
Angel Trade Bond C	84.5	0
Apcon	979	0
Apcon warrant 1	268	0
Applicom	2850	-3.3
Aracell Warrant 2	260	-5.5
Arad	1480	4.3
Arad Towels	1105	6.4
Arazim	108	0
Arazim Bond 1	269	0
Argamen	199	0
Arledan	1091	0
Arpel	270	0
Aryt	100	-4.8
Ashkelon Plywood	450	0
Ashkelon Plywood Bond 1	263	0
Ashkelon Plywood Bond 2	136	0
Ashlad	345	0
Ashlad Bond A	166	0
Ashot	312	-5.2
Ashot Bond A	174	0
Ashpura	83	0
Ashtrom Bond 1	184	0
Ashtrom Bond 2	165.9	-0.1
Ashtrom Ind.	587	0
Ashtrom Prop.	174	0
Astrom P Bond 1	97.5	0
Astrom p warrant a	30	0
Astrum Bond C	109	-1
Astrum Warrant 2	45	0
Atilon	94.8	0
Atmor	1410	-2.9
ATX	191	0
ATX Bond A	168	0
Atzmon	164.7	0
Aura	3790	0
Avarot	300	0
Avarot Bond A	172.2	0
Averbuch Formica	834	0
Avev	335	0
Avw Bond 1	159	-1.4
Aviv Bond 2	99	0
Avner	5.2	-3.7
Avrot Bond 2	95	0
Avrot Warrant 2	34	-8.1
Ayalon	455	-1
Azimuth	410	0
Azorim Properties Bond 3	182	0
Azorim Warrant 13	350	2.9
Azorim Warrant 5	167	0
Azorim Warrent A	290	-3.3
Azorim Warrent B	580	51.1
Badash Bond 1	31	0
Baelli	306	0
Balentina 1	143.5	0
Balentina Bond A	130	-3.7
Balentina Warrant 2	0	0
Balron	3300	-8.6
Bama'asaf	950	0
Bame'asef Bond A	156	0
Bar	369	0
Bar Bond A	138 3	0.1
Barad	209	0
Baumoweiz	602	-2.9
Barkan	565	0
Barsof	139.5	0
Bartal	170	0
Baumel Moshe	163.5	0
BaySide Bond 2	97.4	0
BaySide Warrant D	1760	0
Beit Shemesh	1487	1.9
Belimon	340	0
Ben Yakar Bond A	183	0
Ben Yakar Bond B	92	0.8
Ben Yakar Gaf	3980	0
Berman	138	0
Bezek Bond 3	118	0.1
Bezek Warrant Bond 3	236	3.5

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Blu Bond A	193	0
Binar	310	0
Biri	250	0
Boice Bond B	81.2	-0.4
bolos gad warrant 1	80	0
Bonel Tichon	480	0
Bonjour	386	0
Boulous Brothers	158	0
Boulous Brothers Bond 1	264	0
Boulous GD	485	0
Boulous GD Bond A	150	-2
Brand	84	0
Brill	59.5	0
Brok Side	13.8	-8
Brosh	132	0
Building Bank	1455	0
Building Resou.	3590	0
C Holdings	406	-2.2
C Holdings Bond 5	45	-13.5
Caesarea 1	5700	0
Camel	3600	0
Capital	620	0
Capital Bond A	124	-0.8
Caprice	400	0
Cargal	580	0
Carmel	585	0
Carmiel	505	0
Castro	482	0
Catalena 1	497	0
CDI	128	-6.5
Cemantacal Bond A	62	-2.2
Cemantcal	365	0
Centre	155	0
Centre Bond 1	143.6	0
Cham	434	0
Chayan Computers	177	0
Chemipal	472	0
Chim-Nir	325	-1.5
CI Systems	143	0
Cidab	162	0
Clal Computers	6410	-4.6
Clal Retail	48900	0
Cohen Beni	186	0
Cohen Dou	159.5	-5
Cohen MM	126	0
Cold Storage 1	1900	0
Cold Storage 5	9000	-1.6
Cold Storage and Supply Bond 1	270	-1.1
Compl	147	6.5
Compl Warrent 1	20	0
Compultra	200	0
Comtech	398	-2.5
Comtrans	680	0
Contel	775	2.6
Contractors	21600	0
Coral Beach	714	0
Credit Line	3.4	0
Credit Lines Bond A	33	0
Cyclone 1	2270	0
Cyclone Bond 1	274	0.4
Cyclone Bond 2	183	-0.5
Dalhon	1601	0
Dalron Bond 1	261	0
Dalin	1.4	0
Dan Rent-A-Car	767	5.1
Dan Rent-A-Car Bond A	162	0
Danber 1	4940	0
Danber 5	11200	2.2
Danber Bond A	266	0
Danber Resources	5950	0
Danber Resources Bond B	178.1	0
Danber Tech.	5200	0
Danber Technologies Bond A	165.5	0
Darel	50	0
Darel Bond A	66	0
Darel Personnel	2140	-0.5
Darel Warrant 2	170	0
Dankner Bond 1	222	0.9
Dankner Bond 2	142.5	0.3
Dankner Bond 3	96.7	-0.3
Dankner Warrant C	570	0
Danly	535	0
Daniel	113	0
DARBAN BOND 2	101.8	0.1
Darban Bond A	266	0
DARBAN W2	0	0
Darban Warrant 3	70	6.4
Darsa	138.5	0
Darton	300	0
Dash Investment	665	2.6
Data	568	0
Decision Systems	300	0
Degem Systems	378	-1
Delek Drillings	19.1	0
Delek Oil	1425	0
Destiny	775	0
Digal	275	1.9
Diram1	1220	0
Dolev	295	0
Dolev Bond A	148.1	-0.9
Dolev warrant 1	25.1	0
Dominican	520	0
Dominican Bond	165.3	0
Dor Berger	340	0
Dor Chim	388	-0.5
Dor Energy	1124	0
Dorc wr1	33	-19.3
Dorea	56	0
Dorl c1	101	0
Dorl Engineering	449	0
Dorl Engineering Bond A	137	0
Dorgal Bond A	150	0.5
Dorgal Shem	1100	-3.5
BSI	780	0
Dubek-M	337	3.7
Dubek'S	3.2	14.3
Dumtz	234	0
DYG Industries	440	0
E & M Computing	1078	-0.2
Edgar Alkasni	34	-9.1
Edgar Industries	194	0
Edgar Inv. Bond C	80.6	0
Edgar Inv. Warrant 5	20	0
Efrat Bond A	98	0
Eml	135	0
Elram	370	0
Elbaraon	2700	0
El Bad	2170	0
El Carnt	450	0
El Carnt Bond 1	169.4	10
Elad	440	10
Elad Bond A	184.9	0
Elad Bond B	150	2.7
Elad c3	70	-4.1
Elad w5	29.9	0
Elbit Computers Bond B	140.5	-0.1
Eldan Tech.	205	0
Electronics Line	537	0
Elgar	5200	0
Elshav	0	0
Elsech Ind.	760	-1.3
Elsam	295	0
Elta	354	0
Elta Bond A	145.5	0
Elran	3580	1.1
Emak	119	-8.8
Emyle	640	-4.5
Engel Const.	589	0
ESE	1700	7.7
Eshed Robotech	207	1
Even	350	0
Evergreen	3000	0
Evnia Warrant 1	1999	0
Excellence	1599	0
Export Inv.	795	3.8
Extra	89	0
Feldman	99.9	-10
Feldman Bond A	160	0
Feldman Ind.	250	0
Feldman Warrant 3	13	0
Fertilisers 1	114.5	0
Feuchtwanger 1	7800	-1.4
Feuchtwanger 5	39700	0
Fidell	2220	0
Five J Jewelers	371	0
Five J Jewelers Bond 2	147	1.4
Formica Source	114	0
Frutarom	354	-0.3
Gahelet	11400	0
Galcom	156.3	0
Galrein	1078	0
Gama	155.7	0
Gamatronic	685	0
Gambit	3090	-0.3
Gan Shmoel Bond A	110.5	-0.5
Gan Shmoel Warrant 3	365	-3.9
Gan Shmuel	1300	2.2
Ganal Hador	490	0
Gav Development	118	0
Gav Holdings	215	0
Gav Warrant 2	4.8	0
Gazit	657	-1.9
Gazit Bond B	0	0
Gazit Bond C	144.1	0.1
Gibor Bond 1	85	0
Gibor Bond A	93.5	0
Gibor Sabrina	62	0
Gibor Sport	789	-1
Gibor Warrant 2	75	8.7
Gilboa	80	0
Gillo	189	0
Gilsak	1382	-0.1
Givat Olem Oil	122	-8.2
Glob Rit	750	-1.3
Golan	453	0
Gold	205	0
Golden House	445	0
Golden House Bond 1	254	0
Golex	208	0
Grant Bond	158	-2.3
Grant Bond 2	164	-0.6
Green Software	183.3	0
Greenberg	1250	0
H. Electronics	48.2	0
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Habas	3480	0
Habas Bond 1	140	0
Hadar 1	24900	3.8
Hadar 5	68400	-8.9
Hadar Ins. 1	796	13.4
Hadar Ins. 5	3400	0.3
Hadarim Bond1.	124	0.6
Hadarim Warrant1	840	0
Hagal	385	0
Hagal Bond B	163.5	0
Hamashor	325	5.7
Hanal	7.9	-4.8
Harel Bond A	0	0
Hasin Esh	700	0
Hasson	378	0
Hatehol 1	252	0
Hatehol Bond A	146.2	0
Hayal	1900	0
Hayal Bond2	245	0
Hayal Warrant 1	80	-2.4
Heil Arzi Musik	756	3.4
Hilan 1	9700	0
Hiron 5	35000	0
HL Service Bond 2	194.2	0
HL Service Bond 3	154	0
HL Services	1578	0
Hod	112.5	0
Hof	880	0
Hofit	144	0
Hydrotics	98	0
IES Industries	320	0
IES Warrant 1	37	-2.6
Ilan Gat	118	0
Ilan Gat Bond A	155	3
ILDC Bond B	271	0
ILDC Hotels	440	0
ILDC Hotels Bond 1	183	-0.1
ILDC Hotels Warrant 2	88	0
ILDC Insurance	395	0
ILDC Insurance Bond A	149.5	0
Imco	950	5.6
Ind Bld Warrant 3	21	-12.5

	LAST	CHANGE*
Ind Bldgs R1	4.7	-34.7
Ind.Dev.Bank C	349	0
Ind.Dev.Bank CC	3330	0
Ind.Dev.Bank CC 1	3330	0
Ind.Dev.Bank Pref	1450	0
Independence Mort	65000	-1.5
Interoleum	770	0
Intergamma 1	3550	0
Intergamma 5	10450	0.9
Inventech	550	0
Iscal	1340	0
Isgro	4100	0
Isracolor	354	0
Israel Corp. 6	142900	0
Israel Lighterage Bond 3	150	0
Israel Wire & Cables Bond C	191.5	-0.1
Issalcom	880	0
Isralom Bond C	80.3	0
Issramco	3.1	3.3
Issras 1	6780	0
Issras 5	26900	0
Issras Bond A	271	0
ISTA LINES	2130	0
Itay	2500	0
Itay Bond 1	77	5.5
Itay Warrant 1	275	0
Jafora Bond A	170	0
Jaysour	154	0
Jaysour Bond A	116.5	0
JEC Bond B	98.1	0
Jerusalem Mort	211	0
Jerusalem Mortgage Bond 16	176	0
Jeunesse	30.2	0
JOEL	74.5	0
JOEL Bond 1A	238	0
JOEL Bond 2	137.5	0
JOEL Bond A	236	-7.4
JOEL Warrant 3	3	15.4
Kadmani	130	0
Kadouri	804	0
kafrice bond b	89.9	0
kafrice warrant 1	61	0
Kalni	1199	0
Kalsalit Bond A	95	-0.3
Kalsalit warrant 2	180	11.8
Kamour	429	0
Kamour Bond G	144.5	0
Kamsepe	985	0.5
Kanail Warrant G	1.1	0
Kanfool	30	0
Kanlool Bond A	42.7	0
Kanlan 1	460	0
Kardan 5	2200	0
Katz	126	0
Katz Bond A	64	0
Kedem Chemicals	3650	0
Kentlex	345	0
Kesher	755	0
Kesher Bond A	182	0
Keter	535	0
Kind	15.7	0
Kind Bond A	44.7	9.8
King	270	0
Kinneret	199	0
Kisch Kirur	185	0
Kishrei Teuta	1000	0
Kitat	220	0
Kitat Bond A	162	0
Kitat Bond A	114	0
Kitt Ind. 5	5790	0
Koor Bond 5	147.5	0.7
Kopel	263	0
Kopel Bond 1	275	4.8
La Nationale Bond A	139	0
La Nationale Pref	115	0
Lachish	2060	-6.4
Lamont	800	0
Lapidot Oil Exploration	1	0
Lapidot Oil Explorers	77	1.3
Lasers	364	-1.6
Lavlee	600	0
Lazmick Bldg	470	0
Lazzick Comm Cins	155.9	0
Lazmick Commercial Centres Bond 133		-1.1
Lazmick Ind Bldgs	280	0
Lazmick Industrial Bldgs. Bond A 142.2		0
Leader	869	-3.4
Lego	445	0
Lemi Warrant 5	33.9	1.5
Lewandhal	880	0
Levi	552	-4
Levi Bond A	152.5	0
Levi Bond B	90.5	0.8
Levi Warrant 2	50	-9.1
Levinstein Bond A	98	0
Levinstein Warrent 2	880	0
Levinstein	1500	0
Liber	269	0
Lidan	1376	-5
Lidchir 1	111.1	-3
Lifshir 5	484	0
Liged	375	0
Liged Bond 1	150	0
Lightenge 1	618	0
LIMS	260	0
Lipman	2420	0
Lipsid	2300	0
Lipsid Bond A	181	0
Liraz Bond A	144.5	0
Loden	82	0
Lodzia 1	1255	0
Lodzia 4	4800	0
Luhot Gafil	24.2	0
Luhot Gafil Bond 1	150.5	0
Lumir	2640	-9.9
Ma'ariv Bond A	137	0
Maabarot	1200	2.4
Maagalit	580	0
Magal Bond A	143.5	0
Magal Bond B	140	0
Magal Bond C	81	1.2
Magal Warrant 3	30.1	-33.1
Magil	478	-7
Magam	126.5	0
Magam Bond A	173.1	0
Magam Bond B	134.5	0
Magav	197.5	0
Magma	205	0
Magor 1	1660	0
Magor 5	7500	0
Magor Hldgs. Bond B	67	0
Magor Hldgs. Warrant 2	379	0
Makal	265	-8.9
Mall	85	0
Malta	648	0
Man	77	0
Man Bond A	239	0
Mantor	31	-6.6
Marathon	88.2	0
Marathon Insured	100	-0.1
Mada Lazmick Constr. Bond 1	175	0
Mada Lazmick Constr. Bond 2	159	-0.5
Maritime Bank	1429	0.8
Maritime Bank Bond B	154.7	0
Mashav	955	9.8
Mashbir	590	0
Mashov	315	1.9
Mashov	225	0
Matam	1388	0
Matav Warrant 1	1200	3.4
Maxima 1	405	0
Maxima 5	1370	0
Mazpell	830	5
Med. Hotels	54.8	0
Medtechnica	555	-0.9
Medtechnica Bond A	149	0
Medtechnica Bond B	87	0
Medtechnica Warrant 2	85	-7
Mediterranean Hotels Bond A	68.5	0
Megason	57.5	0
Melimed	482	0
Meir Ezra	1904	0.4
Meir Ezra Bond B	265	0
Melal	266	0
Mellasaron Bond B	94	0
Mellasaron Warrant 3	39	4
Mendelson	190	0
Menofim	34.5	0
Menorah Ins. 5	7500	0
Mercazit	539	0
Merhav	138	0
Meytarit	185	0
Middle East Tube	297	-1
Middle East Tube Bond A	118.5	0
Middle East Tube Warrant 2	12.5	-10.7
Millmor Bond A	148	0
Millomer Bond B	81	0
Millomer Warrant 2	82	0
Millomor	1567	-0.3
Milmeir	72.9	0
Mini Line	678	0
Minrav	12500	4.2
Minage	216	0
Minage Bond A	140	0
Minage Warrant 1	1	0
Mironit	80	0
Mishmarot	19	0
Mishmarot Bond B	98	0
Mishor Bond 2	148.5	0.1
Mishor Hahol	339	0.8
Mitarari	198	0
Mivtach Shamir	1668	5.2
Mivtach Shamir	1080	0
Mizrahi Inv.	6700	-0.6
Mizrahi warrant 1	73.8	5.7
Mizrahi warrant 2	62	3.3
MM Engineering	112	0
MM Engineering Bond A	67	0
Modgal	824	0.6
Modi'in	2.4	0
Mollet	174.7	3
Mollet Convertible Bond AAA	200	0
Molwit	946	0
More Plastic Ind.	278	0
Moshkowitz	140	5.3
MTI Computers	360	0
Mul-T-Lock	816	-2.2
Mule Senior	223	0
Nachshon Fund	43	-1.8
Naphtha	32.7	0
Naphtha Oil Exp.	38	0
Natour	600	0
NATSWA BOND A	111.8	0
Navigator	280	0
Navigator Property	875	6.4
Nechushtan Bond B	67	0
Nechushtan Prop.	173.2	0
Nechushtan Properties Bond A	140.5	0
Nechushtan Warrant 1	29.2	0
Negev Ceramics	169	0
Nehushtan 1	583	-0.7
Nehushtan 5	2990	0
Neot Aviv	7000	0
Nesua	448	0
Nesa Arbel	150	7.1
Neviim Hotels	330	0
Nevlot	767	0
Nili	195	0
Nilluv	770	0
Nisco	2360	5.6
Nissim	292	0
NMC	344	0
Noga	1300	0
Noga Inscrens	60.5	-5.8
Norden	12.2	0
Norden Tech.	400	0
Norlolk	850	0
Norlolk Bond A	152	0
Ner	69	0
NYP	949	0
Oceana	399	0
Oclf	7710	0
Odl Bond A	193	0.1
Odl Bond C	94	0
Odl Warrant 2	670	0
Octova	450	0
Olek	209	-2.8
Olar Bro	5970	9

	LAST	CHANGE*
Opdan	61	0
Ofakim	450	0
Oil Fields	1.1	10
Old-Dok	348	0.4
Omrl	253	0
Ornitech	190	0
Ophir	337	-3.7
Ophir Touss	596	0
Oppenheimer	88	0
Optinos	120	0
Osays	3450	0
Ossnit	373	0
Ossnit Bond A	168.5	0
Orbit	793	9.4
Orda	2800	0
Orda Bond 1	184.5	0
Orew	750	0
Orlell	113	0
Orlite	295	0
Orlite Bond A	99.2	0.2
Orlite Warrant 2	26	26.4
Ormat Industries Bond D	139.6	0.4
Ormat Industries Warrant 5	67	0
Orlel	334	0
Otzar Hashilton	25200	1.8
Oz	212	0
Oz utida	336	0
Packer Steel	4950	0
Palbough	595	-0.8
PAM	379	0
Parna	888	0
Pamas	2500	0
Pan Dor	271	0
Pardes	710	0
Pardes Bond A	59	-1.7
Passport	1760	4.2
Paz Chan	385	0
PCB	1150	0
Pden Investment	54.5	0
Perag	117.2	0
Perfolase	712	7.7
Phoenix Ins. 5	24000	0
Pica Plast	358	0
Plas	124.5	0
Pinroe	129	0
Pinroe Bond A	150	0.3
Pilot	400	0
Pleson bond a	101.8	0
Pleson warrant 1	268	0
Plasto Bay	1	3
Plasto Shoch Bond A	100.4	2.4
Plasto Shoch Warrant 2	85	-1.2
Poalim Inv. Bond B	97	-2
Poalim Inv. Warrant 3	1680	0.8
Poalim Investments Bond A	144	0
Polak	284	0
Polgat A	915	-4.8
Polgat B 4	1130	0
Polygon	222	0
Polygon Bond 2	218	0
Porat	158	-1.2
Port	103	14.4
Poseidon	98	6.5
Pri Hasmak	14.3	0
Pri Hasmak Bond A	23.4	-0.8
Pritzker	228	0
Pritzker Bond A	144	0
Profit	390	0
Profit Bond A	140	0
Python	430	3.9
Quality Cap Mkts	340	0
Rabinex	305	0
Ram Zur	74.9	0
Rangar 1	244	0
Rangar 4	800	0
Ranalt	2300	5.5
Rapak Bond A	170	0
Rassco	1120	0
Rallo	1	0
Rav Car	93	0
Rawad	196	0
RDC	999	-2.8
RDC Bond A	154.5	1.8
Red Sea Hotels	597	-5.2
Regency	102	0
Regency Bond 1	134.5	-0.5
Regpet	450	0
Regent Bond A	147	0
Relish	432	0
Reshef	60	-7.7
Reshef Bond B	123	5.1
Ritsorl	798	0
Rogozin	1040	0
Rogozin Bond A	78	0
Rogozin Warrant B	120	-7.7
Rompech	430	0
Rosebud	78.8	3.7
Rosental	105	0
Rotem	301	0
Rotshtein	135	0
Rotshtein Bond A	140	0
RSL	629	0
Sadot Mop Bond A	104.1	0
Sagie Prop. Bond 1	27	-11.5
Sahar Bond a	98	0
Sahar Dev.	2450	0
Sahar Securities	545	0
Sahar Warrant 1	265	-1.1
Sankool	312	0
Sano 1	2200	4.8

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	LAST	CHANGE*
Texaco	58.3125	+0.3125
Texas Instruments	69.4375	+5.5625
Texas Utilities	45.125	+0.6875
Textron	74.25	-1.8125
Thomas & Betts		
3ComCom	43.6875	+0.125
Time Warner	33.3125	-0.1875
Times-Mirror	97.75	+1.9375
Timken	59.5	-0.75
Torchmark	19.5	+0.25
Tosco Corp	36.5	-0.6875
Toys R Us	26.0625	-0.375
Transamerica	119.625	-0.625
Transco Energy	102.563	-0.8125
Travellers Grp	60	+0.75
Tribune		
Tyson Energy	60.75	-0.3125
TWA	10.75	-0.25
Tyco Intl Ltd	4.75	-0.0625
Tyler	62.8125	-0.4375
	7.3125	-0.3125
UAL Corp	62.125	+0.3125
USG Corp	48	+0
UST Inc	34.25	+0.375
USX Marathon	30.5625	-0.3125
USX-US Steel	35.125	+0.375
Ultramar Diam	28.375	-0.9375
Unicom Corp	38.0625	-0.75
Unilever PLC	42.0625	+0.3125
Unilever NV	77.5	+0.9375
Union Camp	48.5	-0.6875
Union Carbide	43.125	-0.575
Union Pacific	47.25	+0.125
Unisys Corp	27.1875	-0.875
USAIR Group	48.625	-1.625
USF&G Corp		
US Home	34.0625	+0.5
US Surgical		
US Trust	66.8125	-0.9375
US West	57.5	-0.4375
United Tech	97.9375	+0.5625
Unocal Corp	33.8125	-0.1875
UpJohn	46.8125	+0.3125
ViaMD Pharmaceutic	1.3125	-0.09375
Valero Energy	23.75	-0.125
Varian Assoc	41.0625	+0.5
Viacom Inc	80.9375	+0.5
Vishay	15.375	-0.3125
Vulcan Materials	124.625	-1.3125
Warnaco	68.875	-1.6875
Walgreen	50.875	-0.0625
Wal-Mart Stores	69.75	-0.4375
Warner-Lambert	74.5625	-0.6875
Wash Gas Light	25.0625	+0.0625
Washington Mutu	36.375	-0.875
Washington Post	515.313	+8.5625
Waste Mgmnt Inc	46.0625	+0.3125
Wellins-Johnson	18.3125	-0.5625
Wells Markets	38.75	-0.125
Wells Fargo	39.3125	-0.375
Wendy's Int	20.375	-1.0625
Westvaco	26.4375	-0.375
Weyerhaeuser	47	-0.75
Whirlpool	54.625	-1.4375
Whitman	21.75	-0.1875
Williams Co	25.9375	-1
Winn Dixie Stor	38	+0.125
Woolworth	10.8375	-0.4375
World Comm	54.5	-1.0625
Worthington Ind	13.375	-0.375
Wrigley	88	+0.5
Xerox	99.875	-1.3125
Yahoo	165	-11.5625
Yellow Freight	16.125	-0.5
Zero Co		

	LAST	CHANGE*
Lufthansa	35.2	+0.2
Mannesmann		
Metallgesellschaft	24.3	+0.1
Volkswagen	129	+2.5

SOURCE: S&P COMSTOCK (DATE 11-NOV-98)

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

	Last	Change
Sal (Basket) (1)	4.6504	0
U.S. Dollar (1)	4.263	0
British Pound (1)	7.0834	0
Deutsch Mark (1)	2.5328	0
French Franc (1)	0.7554	0
Japanese Yen (100)	3.5022	0
Swiss Franc (1)	3.0658	0
Canadian Dollar (1)	2.7601	0
Italian Lira (1000)	2.5803	0
Jordanian Dinar (1)	5.9895	0

NEW YORK MARKET INDEXES

	Last	Change
DJ Industrials	8823.82	-40.16
DJ Transport	2838.74	-26.05
DJ Utils	305.44	+4.64
DJ Comp	2731.75	-20.95
NYSE Industr	592.94	-4.56
NYSE Transport	432.58	-2.7
NYSE Comp	553.36	-4.08
S&P 100	550.55	-2.85
S&P Spot Index	1120.97	-7.29
Israel Index	232.53	-3.11

OTHER MARKET INDEXES

	Last	Change
FTSE 100	5476.8	+44.5
Tokyo Nikkei	14428	+320
Singapore all-share index	352.68	+17.56
Hong Kong Hang Seng Index	10137.3	+416
Israel Index	232.53	-3.11
Paris CAC 40	3544.74	+0
DAX	4689.78	-105.8
Madrid	788.36	-12.47
Swiss Market Index	6657.4	+89.3
Sydney	2720.7	+38.3
Milan	1261.04	-25.28

DOLLAR CROSSRATES (US)

	Last	Change
Pound: spot	1.662	+0.0006
Dec.future (CME)	1.6802	+0.0026
D-mark: spot	1.6777	-0.0047
Dec.future (CME)	0.5972	+0.0025
S-franc: spot	1.3935	-0.0037
Dec.future (CME)	0.726	+0.0041
Yen: spot	121.9	-0.35
Dec.future (CME)	0.008295	+8.7e-005
CanDlr: spot	1.5458	+0.0018
Dec.future (CME)	0.6469	-0.0002
AusDlr: spot	0.6314	+0.0047
Dec.future (CME)	0.631	+0.0042
F-franc: spot	5.6255	-0.015
It Lira: spot	1659	-3
Nig: spot	1.8814	-0.0034
AusStrlg: spot		
Rand: spot		
ECU: spot	1.1728	+0.0037

US COMMODITIES

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Dec) (CEC)	1454	-21
Coffee (Dec) (CEC)	115.6	-1.25
Wheat (Dec) (CBOT)	292.5	-0.5
Soybean (Nov) (CBOT)	579.75	+5.25
Orange juice (Nov)(CEC)	119.65	+0
Crude Oil (Dec)(NYMEX)	13.55	0
Bonds Dec.future	127.313	0
S and P Dec.future	1127	-2

LONDON COMMODITIES

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Dec) (LCE)	976	-5
Coffee (Nov) (LCE)	2125	+50
Sugar (Dec) (LCE)	243.4	+8
Brent crude oil (Dec)(IPE)	12.11	+7

SPOT MARKET METALS (US)

	Last	Change
Silver: spot	5.01	+0.01

NEW YORK METAL FUTURES

	Last	Change
Gold (Dec)	293.7	-0.5
Silver (Dec)	5	+0.007
Platinum (Jan)	339.8	+2.3
Palladium (Dec)	373.5	+1.1
High-grade copper (Dec)	0.7185	+0.0045

LONDON METAL FIXES

	Last	Change
Gold AM fix		
Gold PM fix		
Silver fix	498.7	-1.3

Month in parentheses signals contract exp. date
(Spot market listings are from approximately 23:30 Israel time. All others are closing quotes.)

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LONDON

Allied Domecq	520	+4.25
Allied Zurich	892	+16
BAT Inds	517	+31
BT	843	+12.5
BTR	105	+2.25
Barclays	1205	-28
Bass	746	+2.5
Boots	983	-3
British Airways	397	+0.25
Comm Union plc	929	+37.5
Diageo	619	+22
General Electric	472	+8
Glaxo	1635	-2
Halifax	858	-8.5
HSBC (75p shs)	1447	+40
ICI	588	-7
Land Securities	858.5	-9
Lloyds Bank	778.5	-7.5
Marks & Spencer	447	+10
NatWest Bank	937	+2
Prudential	820.5	+17
Reuters	823	+9
Sainsbury	551.5	+10.5
Shell Transport	343.25	-3.5
Utd Biscuits	350	+100
Unilever	829	+3
Zeneca	2255	-36

PARIS

Accor	1124	-76
Air Liquide	909	+7
Alcatel-Alsthom	583	-12.5
Euro Disney	8.5	+0.05
Michelin 'B'	247	+8.5
Moulinex	109	-6.5
Paribas	416	-19.1
Pernod Ricard	368.8	+2.7
Peugeot	908	-35
Saint Gobain	820	+8

FRANKFURT

Bayer	64.85	+0.1
Daimler-Benz	138	+7

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TASE rises as Asia, Europe gain

Tel Aviv

Israel's benchmark stock index rose yesterday for the first time in five days, led by Teva Pharmaceuticals, whose shares soared to a six-month high after declines in third-quarter profit were less than expected.

The Maof Index of the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange's 25 largest companies rose 1.42 percent to 279.11, its biggest one-day rise since October 27. Teva rose 3.18 percent to 184.70, its highest in more than a year. Twenty-one out of the benchmark's 25 stocks rose.

Stocks were also buoyed by gains in Asian and European markets.

"It was a great day and Teva's *picking up strength after it hit bottom* in the previous quarter," said Eli Nahum, head of trading at Nessuah Zannex Securities.

Teva, Israel's biggest drugmaker, reported Monday that third-quarter profit fell a less-than-expected 29 percent as new products and price increases offset a decline in sales of its best-selling anti-convulsant drug.

Warburg Dillon Read responded by recommending Teva as a "*strong buy*," while *Brown* Brothers Harriman gave it a "short- term strong buy."

Teva's American depositary receipts rose 2.6 percent to 42 1/2 in New York Tuesday.

Among other gainers, IDB Holdings rose 3.49 percent to NIS 80.10 shekels and Koor Industries, Israel's biggest industrial concern, rose 2.57 percent to 326.

Europe

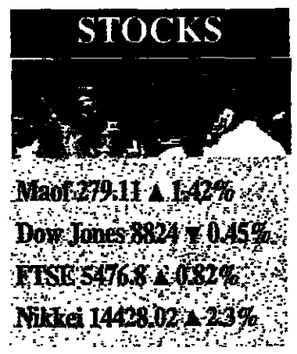
European stocks rose, led by SAP AG, ASM Lithography NA and other technology companies, after Intel Corp. of the US forecast an increase in fourth-quarter sales. Cable & Wireless Plc rose after beating profit forecasts.

Intel, the world's biggest maker of computer chips, said sales could rise as much as 10 percent in the current quarter, spurring hopes that better demand from computer manufacturers will lift earnings for hardware and software suppliers.

"Technology and telecommunications stocks are the best growth sectors," said Juergen Vetter, who helps manage 20 billion deutsche marks ($11.85 billion) at Deka Investment Management GmbH in *Frankfurt. He recently bought* mobile-phone makers Nokia Oyj and Ericsson AS.

The Bloomberg Europe 500 Index of the biggest European stocks rose 1.83 points, or 1 percent, to 184.69. Three times as many stocks rose as fell. The index of tobacco stocks was the biggest gainer in percentage terms, lifted by gains in UK cigarette makers on hopes of a settlement in US lawsuits. The computer *hardware and software index* was the next-biggest percent gainer, while banks led gains measured in points.

Gains in European tech stocks were extended after Intel stock jumped 4 1/8 to 101 11/16 in the first few minutes of trading in the US. SAP, the world's biggest business-software publisher, soared 25.95 marks to 869.95, while ASM, which makes chip-making



equipment surged 4.5 Dutch guilders to 51.5. Siemens AG, another chipmaker, rallied 2.6 marks to 111.6.

Intel's announcement came as a relief to the technology industry *after a report last month showed* chip-making equipment sales had plunged 43 percent in the year to the end of August.

Asia

Japanese stocks rose, led by Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi Ltd. and Sakura Bank Ltd., as more banks said they may seek public funds to replenish their depleted *capital.*

The Nikkei 225 stock average rose 319.93, or 2.3 percent, to 14,428.02, bringing its gain so far this month to 6.4 percent.

The government has earmarked 25 trillion yen ($205 billion) to buy banks' preferred securities to bolster their balance sheets as it seeks to encourage lending.

"News that banks may take the money is giving a bit of stability to the financial sector, and that's extending to the real estate stocks as well," said Hitoshi Yajima, director of Tachibana Investment and Management Co.

Elsewhere, Singapore's Straits Times Index rose 5.5 percent as the government unveiled cost-cutting measures to boost the country's competitiveness. Hong Kong's Hang Seng Index gained 4.3 percent as interbank rates declined, while Australia's All Ordinaries Index gained 1.4 percent, led by News Corp. after a strong response to its sale of almost 20 percent of Fox Entertainment Group Inc.

Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi, the nation's biggest bank, rose 3.6 percent to 1195 yen after its president Satoru Kishi said the bank *may apply for the funds.*

Sakura Bank Ltd., the fifth largest, rose 10.4 percent to 350 after its president Akishige Okada said his bank is "seriously considering" public funds.

The Nihon Keizai newspaper reported that 15 of Japan's 18 biggest lenders will issue preferred securities as a first step in the government's capital injection program.

Japan's bank lending sank 3.3 *percent in October from the same* time last year, the biggest contraction since the Bank of Japan started keeping such records.

Stocks were also buoyed by the ruling Liberal Democratic Party's announcement that it may include tax cuts worth 7 trillion yen in its next stimulus package, to be unveiled in a blueprint today.

(Bloomberg)

Wall Street

Profit-takers sent stocks lower for a third straight day yesterday, but the damage to Wall Street's fall rally remained modest. Technology shares bucked the trend again after an upbeat update from Intel.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell as much as 71 points after shedding an early 72-point gain before finishing 40.16 points lower at 8,823.82.

While the Dow has now fallen each day this week, the losing streak has barely put a dent in the blue-chip barometer's rebound.

Combined, all three days subtracted just 150 points from the Dow, which had gained 610 during the prior eight sessions and more than 1,500 since it slid below 7,500 on October 8. In fact, the Dow still hasn't given back as much as 100 points in a single day *since October 1.*

Broader stock indicators also posted modest losses after an early advance fizzled.

The Nasdaq market stumbled in a bid for a fifth straight winning session despite late Tuesday's report of strong demand for computer chips by Intel.

This week's downturn comes amid uncertainty over whether the Federal Reserve will cut interest rates again at next Tuesday's meeting to stimulate a slowing economy.

But while investors have begun to secure some of the huge gains from the past month, the selling has yet to suggest any real erosion in the renewed confidence behind Wall Street's recovery. (AP)

Shekel gains 0.88 against dollar

By DAN GERSTENFELD and news agencies

The shekel appreciated 0.88 percent against the shekel yesterday, with the representative rate of the dollar fixed at NIS 4.263.

Dealers said that exporters started selling foreign currency yesterday on expectations that the shekel will stabilize soon.

"Exporters believed that the dollar will continue to rise, but it didn't happen so they started selling," a dealer at United Mizrahi Bank said. "In *addition the Finance* Ministry issued NIS 500 million in dollar-linked bonds which absorbed part of the demand for dollars."

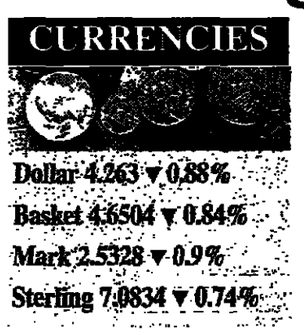
The shekel has also gained 0.82% against the currency basket, which was set at NIS 4.6504.

Meanwhile, the dollar rose against the yen and mark as traders scaled back expectations that US interest rates will be cut at next week's meeting of Federal Reserve policy-makers.

"The economy seems to be considerably stronger than people had expected," said Anne Parker Mills, senior currency economist at Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. "The market has reduced its expectations of a Fed rate cut. [Fed Chairman Alan] Greenspan is talking about normalcy returning to the market. That's definitely dollar *positive.*"

The dollar rose for a seventh day to 122.36 yen from 122.07 late yesterday in New York. The US currency climbed to 1.6855 marks from 1.6817.

The Fed has already cut rates twice since September 29 to 5.0%. Greenspan last week said the risk of holding bonds other than Treasuries had diminished. Traders took that to mean an imminent rate cut may not be in the offing. To be sure, many US-based traders were away from their desks yesterday in observance of Veteran's Day.



The dollar's gains against the yen were tempered after Japan said it plans tax cuts worth 7 trillion yen ($57 billion) to help lift the economy from its worst recession in 50 years.

The tax cuts are part of an economy-boosting package worth an estimated 20 trillion yen, which the ruling Liberal Democratic Party will unveil today. Hopes that the measures will help spur consumer spending bolstered Japanese stocks. The benchmark Nikkei 225 stock index rose 2.27%.

"People *want to believe the government* can do something about the economy," said Sean Callow, a currency analyst at I.D.E.A., a market research firm in London. "That's knocked the wind out of dollar-yen."

Speculation Japan may cut the nation's 5% sales tax in coming months also boosted hopes for economic recovery. Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi may discuss such a measure when he meets conservative opposition party leader Ichiro Ozawa this week about forging a possible alliance, Chief Cabinet Secretary Hiromu Nonaka said yesterday.

"The Japanese economy is struggling really badly. I see no great prospects for the *Japanese yen,*" said Denis Gould, who helps manage about £40 billion ($66.3b.) at Axa Sun Life Investment *Management in London.*

The government has forecast the economy will contract 1.8% in the year ending March 31. That means the Bank of Japan will likely keep interest rates at record lows to encourage lending. Japan's target overnight loan rate between banks is 0.25%. (Bloomberg)

Gold up while dollar down against yen

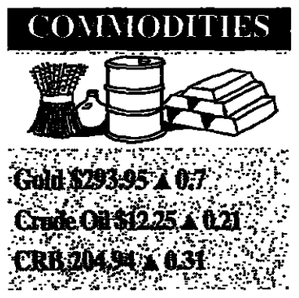
Precious metals

Gold for immediate delivery rose as much as $1.40, or 0.5 percent, to $294.2 an ounce. The dollar fell against the yen for the first day in seven as Japan said it plans tax cuts worth 7 trillion yen ($57 billion) to help lift the economy from its worst recession in 50 years. Gold is priced in dollars, making the metal relatively cheaper to buyers using other currencies, such as international jewelers, when the dollar weakens. Japan is the world's seventh largest consumer of gold.

Platinum for January delivery rose as much as $4.20 an ounce, or 1.2%, to $341.70 an ounce on the New York Mercantile Exchange. In 1999, the Russian government will export no more than 100 metric tons of palladium and 20 tons of platinum, slightly less than this year, according to Russian news agency Interfax, citing an unnamed official at the country's Finance Ministry.

The government is discussing five versions of an export quota resolution, the official said.

Russia, the world's largest supplier of palladium, which is used in cars to reduce emissions and in electronics, and second-largest platinum producer, failed to export any precious metals during the first few months of this year.



Energy

Crude oil for December delivery rose as much as 30 cents, or 2.4%, to $12.34 a barrel on concern a military strike against Iraq will disrupt its oil exports and after a key industry report showed an unexpected decline in US oil inventories.

Optimism the oil glut is easing grew as the American Petroleum Institute's weekly oil-inventory report showed crude oil inventories fell by 1.9 million barrels, while analysts had expected an increase of between 1.1 million and 2.3 million barrels.

Others

Sugar for March delivery rose as much as 0.12 cent, or 1.5%, to 8.17 cents a pound on the Coffee, Sugar & Cocoa Exchange in New York.

Expectations that Russia may resume importing sugar to meet shortfalls in domestic production *is lifting prices.*

Also, world sugar output in the 1998-99 crop season could fall 1.5% percent in the year ending September 30 to 126.02 million metric tons from 127.91 million tons in the same period a year earlier, according to F.O. Licht, *a Ratzenburg, Germany-based research group.*

Farmers are likely to sow fewer acres to sugar after prices reached their lowest level in *more than a decade earlier this* year. (Bloomberg)

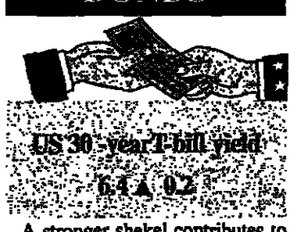
Israeli bonds rise as shekel gains

Israeli bonds rose yesterday as the shekel gained for a third day, easing inflation concern.

The shekel continued to retreat from its October all-time low of *4.367, trading at 4.263 to the dol*lar compared with 4.301 Tuesday. The yield on the Makam bill maturing in November 1999 fell 2 basis points to 13.34 percent.

Gilboa bonds, denominated in shekels with the principal linked to the dollar, fell after the government sold NIS 500 million worth of the bonds. The government intends to hold two more auctions of Gilboas before the end of November.

Investors expect inflation to slow as "*there's a feeling the Bank of* Israel will handle the situation," said Dror Kraus, a broker at Koor Investment House in Tel Aviv. "Rates will go up, *and the shekel* will get stronger as people take advantage of interest rate differences, and the government will keep selling Gilboas."



A stronger shekel contributes to braking inflation because it damps the price of imported goods and housing, which in Israel is linked to the dollar.

October's consumer price index, due on Sunday, is expected to *show inflation rose 3.5 percent in* the month after the shekel lost 10.5 percent of its value. The CPI increase probably will prompt a *rate rise, analysts said.* That increase could lead to a stronger shekel as investors buy shekels to deposit them to take advantage of higher rates.

Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel said on Monday that the central bank will act to guarantee that rising inflation in October and November won't undermine stability, *a signal the bank will raise rates.*

The Bank of Israel last month raised rates for the first time in 14 months, citing an increase in the inflation rate in September. It lifted its benchmark lending rate a greater-than-expected 2 percentage points to 11.5 percent.

(Bloomberg)

ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

Patah (foreign currency deposit rates)

Currency (deposit for:)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar ($250,000)	4.770	4.800	5.090
Pound sterling (£100,000)	5.550	5.540	5.620
German mark (DM 200,000)	2.180	2.280	2.700
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	0.060	0.190	0.560
Yen (10 million yen)	—	—	—

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (11.11.98)

	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS Buy	Sell	BANKNOTES Buy	Sell	Rep. Rates**
Currency basket	4.6260	4.7007	—	—	4.6504
U.S. dollar	4.2408	4.3093	4.16	4.37	4.2630
German mark	2.5191	2.5598	2.47	2.60	2.5328
Pound sterling	7.0444	7.1581	6.92	7.26	7.0834
French franc	0.7513	0.7635	0.73	0.78	0.7554
Japanese yen (100)	3.4864	3.5427	3.42	3.60	3.5022
Dutch florin	2.2345	2.2706	2.19	2.31	2.2464
Swiss franc	3.0538	3.1031	3.00	3.15	3.0658
Swedish krona	0.5308	0.5394	0.52	0.55	0.5331
Norwegian krone	0.5666	0.5758	0.55	0.59	0.5702
Danish krone	0.6628	0.6735	0.65	0.69	0.6663
Finnish mark	0.8283	0.8417	0.81	0.86	0.8328
Canadian dollar	2.7444	2.7887	2.69	2.83	2.7601
Australian dollar	2.6727	2.7159	2.62	2.76	2.6889
S. African rand	0.7485	0.7607	0.67	0.77	0.7525
Belgian franc (10)	1.2211	1.2408	1.20	1.26	1.2275
Austrian schilling (10)	3.5813	3.6391	3.51	3.69	3.6007
Italian lira (1000)	2.5465	2.5876	2.50	2.63	2.5603
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Baseball '98: The wealthy win

NEW YORK (AP) – Unless you spent, you lost in US Major League Baseball this year.

Only one team with a payroll of more than $48 million had a losing record – the Baltimore Orioles, who went 79-83 despite spending a record $74 million on players, according to figures compiled by management's Player Relations Committee.

Conversely, only one team with a payroll of less than $47 million had a winning record. The Toronto Blue Jays were 88-74 and spent $37.3 million, according to the report, which was circulated Tuesday at the general managers' meeting in Naples, Florida.

The eight playoff teams all were among the top 12 in payroll.

Missing out on the postseason among the big spenders were Baltimore, Los Angeles, the New York Mets and Anaheim.

The New York Yankees, who won the World Series for the second time in three seasons, were less than $200,000 behind the Orioles, coming in at $73.8 million. That includes $8.2 million in termination pay: $2.5 million to Oakland for Kenny Rogers, $1.6 million to San Francisco for Charlie Hayes, $1.6 million to the released Dale Sveum and $2.5 million to Minnesota as part of the Chuck Knoblauch trade.

Texas, eliminated by New York in the first round of the playoffs, was third at $62.2 million, followed by Atlanta ($61.8 million), eliminated by San Diego in the NL championship series. The Padres were 10th at $53.0 million.

Teams that spent less than $37 million not only lost – they lost big. All 12 teams under that figure lost 88 games or more and only three of them finished within 20 games of first place – Oakland (14 games back with an $18.6 million payroll), Kansas City (16 1/2 games back with a $35.6 million payroll) and Minnesota (19 games back with a $22 million payroll).

Montreal had the lowest payroll at $8.3 million, the least a team has spent since the 1990 Baltimore Orioles were at $8.1 million.

Florida, which had the fifth-highest payroll in 1997 at $52.5 million and won the World Series, got rid of nearly all its stars, slashed its payroll to $19.1 million (27th among the 30 teams) and finished with the worst record in baseball at 54-108, 52 games behind first-place Atlanta.

Baseball's average salary increased 4.8 percent, from $1.31 million to a record $1.38 million, according to the PRC. The median – the amount where an equal number of players earn above and below – went up from $400,000 to $427,500, still short of the record $450,000 set in 1994 before the 232-day strike.

Mets get Bonilla for Rojas

LOS ANGELES (Reuters) – The Los Angeles Dodgers sent third baseman Bobby Bonilla back to the New York Mets yesterday for reliever Mel Rojas in a swap of underachieving players.

Bonilla, 35, hit .237 with seven home runs and 30 RBI in 72 games for the Dodgers after being acquired from Florida in a May 15th deal that sent Mike Piazza to the Marlins.

Bonilla's days in Los Angeles were believed to be numbered as soon as the Dodgers hired Davey Johnson as their new manager last month. Bonilla played under Johnson for the Baltimore Orioles in 1995 and 1996, and the two often were at odds.

Bonilla, from New York, also had a rocky tenure with the Mets from 1992 until his trade to Baltimore in the 1995 season.

After recording at least 100 RBI three times in four years with the Pittsburgh Pirates, Bonilla never hit that mark with the Mets after signing as a free agent and had frequent spats with the New York media.

The 31-year-old Rojas was 5-2 with a 6.05 ERA in 50 games last season and fell out of favour with manager Bobby Valentine, who eventually refused to use the reliever in any close games.

Rojas spent his first seven seasons with the Montreal Expos and compiled 109 saves, ranking second on the team's all-time list behind Jeff Reardon, who had 152.

Bonilla is scheduled to make $5.9 million over each of the next two seasons while Rojas has one year remaining on a contract that will pay him $4.5 million.

Rangers hammer Lightning

TAMPA, Florida (AP) – Kevin Stevens had three goals and two assists and Ulf Samuelsson scored twice as the New York Rangers beat the Tampa Bay Lightning 10-2 Tuesday night.

The Rangers entered the game as the NHL's lowest-scoring team with 24 goals. After scoring 18 goals in their first 12 games, the Rangers have erupted for 16 in their last two.

The Rangers last scored 10 goals in a game on Dec. 13, 1992 in a 10-5 victory over Montreal.

Stevens completed his first hat trick since Jan. 11, 1994 with 5:16 left to play. He recorded five points in a game for the first time since Oct. 17, 1992.

Sabres 2, Senators 2

In Buffalo, New York, Curtis Brown's shorthanded goal and Dominik Hasek's 38 saves helped Buffalo extend its unbeaten streak to six games with a tie against Ottawa.

Senators goaltender Damian Rhodes stopped 21 shots, including a spectacular diving glove save on Miroslav Satan with eight minutes left in the third period that preserved the tie.

Hasek made 34 straight saves during the game and is now 17-4-2 against the Senators.

Penguins 3, Islanders 2

In Pittsburgh, Robert Lang and Martin Straka scored in the second period to help the Pittsburgh Penguins beat the New York Islanders and win their first home game.

Pitusburgh had been 0-1-3 at home and the last NHL team without a win on home ice. Overall, the Penguins are unbeaten in four (2-0-2) while the Islanders have lost three of four.

Lang scored 54 seconds into the second period to break a 1-1 tie. Straka made it 3-1 with his fifth goal at 11:29.

Blues 5, Blackhawks 2

In St. Louis, Pierre Turgeon had three goals and Pavol Demitra had two goals and three assists to lead the St. Louis Blues over the struggling Chicago Blackhawks.

The Blackhawks, held to only 14 shots, are winless in their last seven games (0-6-1) and 3-6-2 in their last 11.

The Blues lead 2-0 after the first period on power-play goals by Demitra and Turgeon and never looked back.

St. Louis outshot Chicago 41-14. The 14 shots are a season low for the Blackhawks.

Avalanche 1, Coyotes 1

In Phoenix, Keith Tkachuk of Phoenix scored in the second period after Peter Forsberg had sent the Colorado Avalanche to an early lead over the Coyotes, and the teams finished in a tie.

The Coyotes ran their unbeaten streak to six while posting the best 10-game start in franchise history at 6-2-2.

Phoenix goaltender Jimmy Waite made 20 saves and maintained his goal-a-game average. The Coyotes' defense, meanwhile, continued to be the stingiest in the NHL (16 goals allowed).

Colorado's Patrick Roy (2-7-2) had 24 saves.

Flames 5, Kings 4, OT

In Calgary, Alberta, Andrew Cassels scored in overtime as the Calgary Flames rallied from a three-goal deficit to defeat Los Angeles.

The Flames trailed 3-0 midway through the second period and were down 4-2 with less than 10 minutes left in regulation when Cory Stillman and Derek Morris scored to tie things up.

At 1:12 of the extra period, Cassels broke in alone and scored on rookie goaltender Ryan Bach after Kings defenseman Steve Duchesne lost his balance at his own blue line.

Theoren Fleury and Valeri Bure also scored for the Flames.

Predators 4, Sharks 2

In San Jose, California, Sergei Krivokrasov scored his eighth goal of the season as the expansion Nashville Predators held off the late-scoring San Jose Sharks.

The Sharks, who had gone undefeated in four straight games, outshot the Predators 35-20. But they couldn't manage to get past Nashville goaltender Mike Dunham until the final period, when they scored both their goals.

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Atlantic Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	6	3	4	16	35	34
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NY Islanders	7	8	0	14	36	38
Philadelphia	5	5	4	14	34	33
NY Rangers	4	6	4	12	34	38
Northeast Division						
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Montreal	6	5	2	14	34	33
Toronto	6	6	2	14	41	44
Buffalo	5	3	4	14	32	25
Ottawa	6	5	1	13	39	36
Southeast Division						
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Tampa Bay	6	7	2	14	38	49
Florida	4	5	3	11	27	35
Washington	4	6	3	11	28	35

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Nashville	5	7	1	11	34	39
Chicago	4	8	2	10	38	44
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Calgary	6	6	2	14	39	40
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Phoenix	6	2	2	14	28	16
Los Angeles	5	7	3	13	34	38
Anaheim	3	5	4	10	26	27
San Jose	2	7	4	8	30	35

Tuesday's games: Ottawa 2, Buffalo 2, tie; N.Y. Rangers 10, Tampa Bay 2; Pittsburgh 3, N.Y. Islanders 2; St. Louis 5, Chicago 2; Colorado 1, Phoenix 1, tie; Calgary 5, Los Angeles 4, OT; Nashville 4, San Jose 2.

Chelsea FC seek advice on rare orchid

LONDON (Reuters) – A rare flower emerged yesterday as a potential threat to premier league Chelsea's ambitious expansion plans.

The *Evening Standard* reported yesterday that the common spotted orchid – scarce in central London despite its name – was one of several endangered species growing on a derelict industrial site near the London club.

Chelsea Village, the club's owners, want to build a pedestrian walkway over the land. The newspaper said the rare orchid could prevent completion of the £130 million ($215.8 million) redevelopment project.

The *Standard* quoted a spokeswoman as saying Chelsea Village were aware of the problem and talking to ecologists about the flower that appears only from spring to summer.

An official from the London Wildlife Trust was critical of the club's development plans.

"We find it astonishing that the only significant natural habitat in the locality is regarded with such disdain by Chelsea FC," Pete Guest was quoted as saying.

"The ground where Chelsea want to develop is a designated wildlife site and we will be fighting to protect it."

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Coach Ze'ev Zeltzer is not happy with the way his team is preparing for the tournament and noted that both England and Spain started their training camps in midweek. Due to Haifa's progress in Europe, the squad couldn't train properly.

Only one team will qualify for the finals which takes place in Sweden and will consist of the seven group winners and the hosts.

"Even though we are not the best side in the tournament, we have a very good team," Zeltzer said.

Channel 5 will show all of Israel's games live, together with a one-hour magazine which will summarize each days action.

Nathan Slovatic chairman of the IFA's youth committee said that the cost of hosting this tournament will be around $100,000 and added that the IFA are receiving 7,500 Swiss francs per game as support from UEFA.

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Fiorentina appeal against UEFA Cup exclusion

GENEVA (Reuters) – Italian Serie A leaders Fiorentina have appealed against their exclusion from the UEFA Cup, the European soccer body said.

UEFA said that the appeal was lodged yesterday and its Appeals Body would meet on Sunday in Geneva.

Fiorentina were kicked out of the cup at the weekend as punishment for crowd trouble at their second round second leg tie against Switzerland's Grasshoppers of Zurich last week.

The match, played in the southern city of Salerno as a result of an earlier ban for violence after a match in Florence, was abandoned at halftime after a fan threw a firecracker onto the pitch, injuring the fourth official.

Palace defender charged with pushing ref

LONDON (AP) – Crystal Palace's Chinese defender Fan Zhiyi has been charged with misconduct by the English Football Association for allegedly pushing a referee.

The FA announced the charge after studying referee Terry Heilbron's report on the incident, which occurred at the end of Palace's 3-2 defeat to West Bromwich Albion on November 3.

Heilbron, who awarded Albion a last-minute penalty, was surrounded by Palace players at the end of the match and allegedly manhandled by Fan.

The FA said Fan has 14 days to respond to the charge. If found guilty, he could face a suspension or fine or both.

Czech keeper Srnicek signs for Sheff. Wed.

SHEFFIELD (Reuters) – Czech international goalkeeper Pavel Srnicek signed a two-and-a-half year deal with Sheffield Wednesday yesterday and could make his debut against his old club Newcastle United on Saturday.

Srnicek, 30, who has been playing for Banik Ostrava on a week-by-week basis since leaving Newcastle at the end of last season, has signed after training with Wednesday for the last two weeks.

Warne rules himself out of first two Tests

SYDNEY (Reuters) – Shane Warne said yesterday he did not expect to play in the opening two Tests of the Ashes series against England.

There had been speculation that Australia's leading leg spinner may be rushed into the Australian team for the first Test in Brisbane next week.

But Warne, who makes his Sheffield Shield comeback against Perth on Friday, said he wanted to make sure his shoulder was completely healed before returning.

Yugoslav coach bans mobile phones

BELGRADE (Reuters) – Yugoslavia's national coach Milan Zivadinovic plans to ban his players from using mobile phones before their European Championship Group Eight qualifier against Ireland next week.

"I want 100 per cent concentration for the match with Ireland and I am banning the use of mobile phones," Zivadinovic told reporters.

"I notice that after training sessions players spend all their time talking on their phones and losing their concentration – to prevent this, their mobile phones will be put under lock and key," he said.



West Indies captain Brian Lara prepares to drive bowler Walter Masemula of the Gauteng Invitation XI during the West Indians' first game of their South African tour in Soweto yesterday. (Reuters)

Adams out as West Indies tour opener is hit by rain

SOWETO (Reuters) – West Indies' stay in South Africa got off to a faltering start yesterday when middle order batsman Jimmy Adams was ruled out of the tour and rain cut short the opening fixture against a Gauteng XI.

Adams sliced open a finger on his right hand with a bread knife during the team's flight to South Africa on Monday.

The wound was stitched but when Adams visited a doctor yesterday morning it was discovered he had severed two tendons.

"He will be out for six weeks," team manager Clive Lloyd said. "We will wait to see about a replacement. The selection committee and West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) must now make a decision." Lloyd said a replacement may be called from the A team currently playing in Bangladesh.

A thunderstorm washed out the game in the largest of the country's townships – but not before West Indies skipper Brian Lara had delighted the crowd of several thousand mainly black spectators with an aggressive 65 as West Indies made 258 for seven in 47 overs.

A band trumpeted a lively welcome to the visitors before the start of play at the Soweto Oval in 4the middle of the sprawling township where 22 years ago a school boycott sparked the massive black revolt against apartheid.

The start of the tour had been delayed by a dispute over pay and conditions between West Indies players and their cricket board.

Lara hit 10 boundaries in his 60-ball innings. Carl Hooper was the next highest with an unbeaten 60 off 70 balls.

"We're still a bit rusty," Lara said. "Today we were just happy to get a run out there and it's unfortunate that the rain came down." West Indies' next match is against provincial side Griqualand West, starting in Kimberley on Saturday.

Istanbul a hard place to start over for Maccabi

By BRIAN FREEMAN

The last time Maccabi Tel Aviv changed head coaches in mid-season, the team came out and blew a seven-point lead at home to Real Madrid.

That was in January 1996, when Ralph Klein, in his sixth incarnation at the helm of Maccabi, was replaced by Zvi Sherf, who was in his fourth stint heading the yellow and blue.

Sherf went on to lead the club – 4-4 in the EuroLeague at the time – to three consecutive home losses and a disastrous 6-8 finish in the final pool.

Tonight in Istanbul against Efes Pilsen, new head coach Pini Gershon, who replaced Yoram Harush two days ago, will not find it any easier to turn Maccabi's fortunes around.

Efes Pilsen has beaten the Israelis six of seven times in the past 20 months, including three times straight in Istanbul.

The Turks mounted a 68-66 comeback victory over Tel Aviv last month at Yad Eliahu and have not slowed down since, losing only to undefeated Panathinaikos in Athens.

The team centers around Petar Naumoski, who, once again this season, is proving to be one of Europe's best all-around players.

He is third in the EuroLeague with a 19.0 scoring average and first in assists with 6.1 a contest.

He has also been a particular nemesis to Maccabi, averaging 23.8 points during Efes's four-game winning streak over Tel Aviv.

Naumoski has been complimented nicely by the addition this season of Pedrag Drobnjak, who averages 18.3 points and 6.3 rebounds: and Husseyin Besok, who is third in the EuroLeague with 9.3 rebounds and chips in 7.0 points a contest.

Efes Pilsen has also been bolstered this season by excellent play by its backcourt, which has contributed to the team's league-leading 59.2% accuracy from two-point range.

Ufuk Sarica, averaging 11.5 points, leads the team from two-point range at 80% (20-25), while Murat Evliyaoglu is sixth in the league from three-point range at 52.6% (10-19) and averages 7.3 points.

Meanwhile, Maccabi continues to play a few men short, with foreign player Willie Anderson released, Bosman player Nikola Loncar on his way out and Borko Radovic injured.

No one has joined the team to fill the void, and it is still uncertain what kind of players will replace the departed foreigners.

Much depends on whether Oded Katash, who rejoined the team last month due to the NBA lockout, remains with the club.

Tonight's game is scheduled to be start at 6 p.m. and be shown live on Channel 1.

EuroLeague Group B

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Panathinaikos	6	6	0	12
Efes Pilsen	6	5	1	11
Maaraxi	6	3	3	9
Maccabi TA	6	2	4	8
Cibona Zagreb	6	1	5	7
Red Star Belgrade	6	1	5	7

Owen doubtful for at least two games with hamstring injury

LIVERPOOL (AP) – England and Liverpool star Michael Owen was set to learn yesterday the extent of the hamstring injury he suffered in the Reds' 3-1 home defeat to Tottenham in the League Cup.

The 18-year-old striker, who shot to international stardom with his goal-scoring exploits at the World Cup in France, was injured while scoring Liverpool's only goal in Tuesday night's fourth-round game at Anfield.

Owen fell down in pain after stretching to shoot with his left foot into an open net in the 81st minute. He was helped off the pitch and watched the rest of the match holding an ice pack to his hamstring.

Owen is doubtful for Saturday's Premier League game against Leeds and England's international friendly against the Czech Republic at Wembley next Wednesday.

Liverpool received another injury blow on Tuesday when midfield star Steve McManaman, who missed the Tottenham game, was told to rest for up to six weeks because of a recurrent Achilles injury.

He may not return until early January.

The injuries are the latest setback to a Liverpool club which is in crisis following two straight home defeats, with speculation mounting that co-manager Roy Evans is on the way out.

Tour de Sdom cycle race runs on Saturday

By HEATHER CHAIT

The Tour de Sdom, the endurance-testing bicycle race, has carved itself a name among the attractions of the Dead Sea area, the lowest place on earth. The race, now in its fourth year, will be held on Saturday.

Last year, over 500 cyclists from ages six to 68, descended on Nahal Porzim, armed with state-of-the-art mountain bikes, as well as an extraordinary dose of daring and experience.

In store for them this time are canyon crossings and steep uphill stretches all under the enervating desert clime.

The views will soften the course's hardships – Nahal Porzim is one of the most breathtaking canyons in the area while nature lovers will be able to gaze up at Lot's Wife.

This year there are two competitive routes, 17 kilometers and 34km besides the 13km family route.

Pedalling in from abroad will be American Travis Brown, ranked 110 in the world, and ten professional cyclists from Cyprus, including 19-year-old Cypriot champion Antonis Antoniu.

Homegrown talents, Danny Barashi (59) and nephew Amir Geva (39), who undertook a 10-day, 500km trip in the Himalayas in August, one of the highest spots on earth (5350m), will be trying their stamina at the lowest spot on earth.

Cyclists from age 11 are eligible to compete with prize money of NIS1,500 going to the winning male and female cyclists.

Pre-race registration is NIS60 for adults and NIS30 for children with the price on Saturday rising to NIS80.

To encourage people, transport is being provided from Tel Aviv and Moshav Neot Hakikar is offering, for NIS50, sleeping arrangments in a Beduin tent and breakfast for 100 cyclists.

For further details call (02) 6799922 or (07) 6594422.

Boycott on sticky wicket after French court ruling

LONDON (Reuters) – Leading British cricket commentator Geoff Boycott faced an uncertain financial future yesterday as media organizations distanced themselves from him after he was found guilty of beating up his lover.

A French court ruled on Tuesday after a retrial that the 58-year-old former England and Yorkshire cricket star did batter his former girlfriend, Margaret Moore, 45, during an argument about money in 1996.

Now, apart from a three-month suspended sentence, Boycott faces more difficulties over money.

Apart from the £5,000 fine imposed by the court in Grasse and the estimated £250,000 Boycott spent on his defense, the commentator could lose another £250,000 in earnings from broadcasters and newspapers.

Britain's top-selling daily paper, *The Sun*, immediately announced it had sacked Boycott as a columnist.

A spokesman for the tabloid said: "Our readers would find repugnant the idea of us employing someone with a conviction for violence against a woman.

"We will not turn a blind eye to violence against women. We are certain our decision will be applauded by women and men up and down the country."

Boycott was in Lahore covering Pakistan-Australia cricket for television when the verdict was announced.

"Obviously I am very disappointed with the court's decision," he said. "But in view of the way the trial was conducted I suppose this is not a total surprise."

Boycott was suspended by the British Broadcasting Corporation as a Test match commentator as a result of initial adverse publicity. Although he was later reinstated, the BBC said he was not under contract and there were no plans to employ him in future.

Boycott, who denied beating Moore, has said he will appeal against the verdict.

Scottish coach shows his stuff to local colleagues

By ORI LEWIS and OFER RONEN-ABELS

There is something about the demeanor of soccer coaches which puts them on a plane all their own. The operative word is plain.

Usually down to earth and direct, it is the way they operate and get the message across to their charges. Scotland manager Craig Brown is just like that. Forthright and direct, he is also soft-spoken and ever-so polite. He would not make a good diplomat or a politician, however. He does not try to dodge questions or try to find convoluted answers which effectively leave the interviewer as bewildered as he was before the question had been put.

Brown, already at the helm of Scotland for five years, could argue that he is the most successful coach his country has ever had, but it is not good enough to make his side world-beaters.

"We are simply not good enough," he said in an interview with *The Jerusalem Post* during his recent visit to Israel. The question was: "Scotland have such a good record at managing to qualify for the big tournaments (World Cup and European Championships), why are you unable to qualify for the latter stages...?"

Whether it is a matter of the man dousing his countryfolk's expectations of greater achievement is of no consequence, you can be sure that if Brown has said "We are not good enough," he means exactly that. No wonder the Scotland song for the World Cup in France this year was "Don't come home too soon."

Still, Scotland have a record which many other countries – including Israel – would die for. Eight World Cup finals and the last two European Championships is a record which speaks volumes of a country about the size of Israel (some five million people).

Brown quantifies the situation very succinctly. "We do not have a star player, nobody in the £10-15 million bracket. If we had a striker like Shearer or Owen then perhaps things would be different."

Yet he is also quick to point out that the current Scottish teams have done better than what he regards as the greatest Scottish team ever, the 1974 edition which included Billy Bremner, Peter Lorimer and Gordon McQueen among other luminaries.

Although they are both on the heavy-set side, the differences between Brown and Israel coach Shlomo Scharf are distinctive. Both have earned the total respect of their charges, but Scharf is well known as one who speaks his mind with brash overtones. Still, it gets the job done the Israeli way.

Brown says a modern coach needs to earn the respect of his players in a different way to the autocratic rule of past gaffers like Bill Shankley or Brian Clough.

"Players these days want to know 'why?', when your'e dealing with millionaires you have to be able to supply the answer and gain your players' trust.

"The modern soccer player is far more aware of his surroundings, he travels much more and is exposed to soccer everywhere, so the coach's answers need to be credible," Brown explains.

As for the weight issue, Brown does not fail to mention probably the two most successful coaches in the British game: "Bob Paisley (Liverpool) and Jock Steen (Celtic) were the two most outstanding managers in Britain, they were both fat, so Mr. Scharf and I are stating a case for the heavier-set manager, we need to put a bit of weight behind our profession," he said.

Brown was here as a guest of the Israel Football Coaches Association as he gave a clinic. He admits, however, that there are no more secrets left in the game. "I felt that what I tried to do here went very well, but there is no single formula, you just have to experiment with ideas. If the coaches went away with just one additional bit of experience, then it can only be termed a success. The same is true when we hold seminars in Scotland."



THOUGHTFUL, LIKEABLE, TENACIOUS MOTIVATOR – Scotland coach Craig Brown (Ilan Ossendryver / Israel Sun)

What Brown was not aware of, however, was that the overwhelming majority of the National League's coaches were not in attendance. They stayed away as a snub to the coaches association and its chairman, Yosef Mirmowitz, with whom they have an ongoing row.

Brown imparted his knowledge to the some 200 others from throughout the various lower divisions and national teams setup – including Scharf – who were present.

"I think the future of Israel football is very bright, according to the standard of coaching that I witnessed," Brown said after his two-day seminar which was held at Wingate Institute.

Something which he is quick to point out is the lack of facilities in Scotland, whose winter climate is not the envy of most.

"In the whole of Scotland, there is only a single indoor full-sized pitch. In Norway they have 13 covered pitches, some of which you could play (an official) game in," he says with an air of despondency. No wonder there are so many top-class Norwegians (the largest foreign national group) in the Premier League.

"Glasgow Rangers do not even have a training pitch of their own, but they spent £24 million on players last year," Brown says in a deadpan manner.

Yet if that was supposed to be criticism of Scotland's top club, it hardly seems to make any difference to Brown as there are no more than a couple of Rangers players eligible for Scotland anyway, with the vast majority of their squad foreigners.

Brown points to the grass-roots program in Scotland headed by him and Vera Pauw, a Dutch women's international. He says it is much more advanced than anything seen in Israel. Brown speaks highly of Pauw. "We have 87 international caps between us, she's got all 87," he says.

As technical director of the SFA's development program, Brown may be laying the foundations of a future Scottish contingent which, it is hoped, will do better than their predecessors, but he has one great advantage, compared to, say, Israel. The strong traditions of soccer in Scotland are probably second to none. Here, the game must still take root in order for the youngsters to make the natural choice that soccer is their chosen sport.

In the league, Brown feels Scotland still holds a big advantage over the Israeli clubs. "The best Israeli clubs are probably a notch below Rangers and Celtic, say like Hearts, Aberdeen or St. Mirren, but the lesser clubs here are about English Third Division standard," he said.

Yet if it is so bright, how come Israel still has so much to do to catch up with Scotland. The secret lies in the fact that the Scots playing in the Premiership make the difference. Israel is still not fortunate enough to have players who can just hop across the border and join the best league in the world without any immigration restrictions. It is a reality which Scharf and his successors will certainly have to live with well into the next millennium.

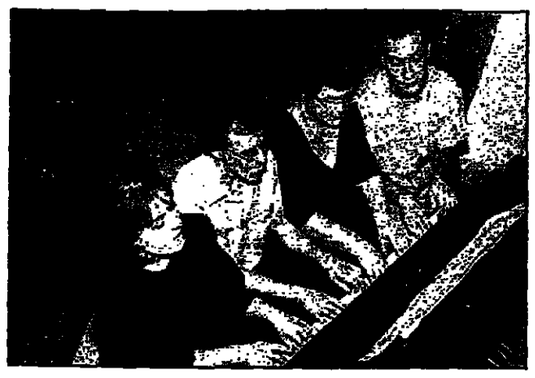
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CRITICS' CHOICE

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT



The Ra'anana Symphonette Orchestra celebrates the arrival of a new Kawai piano. (Mel Brickman)

The final stage of the second local Chopin Competition takes place today at 9:30 a.m. at the Israel Music Conservatory in Tel Aviv, and the final gala concert and awards presentation takes place on Saturday at 8:30 p.m. at the same locale.

The Ra'anana Symphonette Orchestra celebrates its new Kawai piano in a special concert with six Israeli pianists who perform on the new addition and the Symphonette's existing Steinway. The program includes works by Mozart, Ravel, Stravinsky, Czerny and others. Bracha Eden and Alexander Tamir, Israel's foremost piano duo, will be joined in this special piano celebration by Naomi Lev, her son Tomer, Arnon Erez and Michal Tal. Saturday at 9 p.m. at the Yad Labanim Auditorium in Ra'anana.

The Jerusalem Music Center presents a special concert of works by young composers Kobi Arad, Dani Ahronson, Yoni Niv, Hadas Golshmidt and Yuri Brenner tomorrow at noon.

The Yemei Habeintayim Ensemble, performing a combination of classical and ethnic music, embarks on a new program titled Atmosphere, Saturday at 9 p.m. at the Zionist Confederation House in Jerusalem.

The Hemiola Female Choir performs Saturday (11 a.m.) at the Tel Aviv's Tzavta with a program of works by Mendelssohn, Faure, Reinberger, and many Israeli composers.

Korean pianist Jong-Gyung Park, winner of the third prize in the recent Artur Rubinstein Master Piano Competition plays a recital Saturday night at 8:30 at the Tel Aviv Museum. The program includes Haydn, Schumann, Janacek, Albeniz and Chopin.

Astrit Baltsan opens another series of her very popular concert lectures, this time with a program devoted to French composer Francis Poulenc on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of his birth. The program includes works by Poulenc, Bizet and Debussy. Tomorrow at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., and Monday at 8 p.m. at the Tel Aviv Museum; Sunday at 8 p.m. at the Wise Auditorium at the Givat Ram Campus of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

RADIO

VOICE OF MUSIC

6:05 Dittersdorf: String Quartet no 1 in D (Schubert Quartet); Stamitz: Symphony in G (Mozart Players / Barnert); C.P.E.Bach: Cello Concerto in B flat (Suzuki / Japan Bach Collegium)
7:07 Mozart: Oboe Quartet K370 (Holliger / members of Orlando Quartet); Spohr: Octet op 32 (Chamber group of Academy of St. Martin)
8:05 Respighi: Wind Quartet no 6 (Vienna-Berlin Ens); Respighi: Suite no 2 of Ancient Airs and Dances (Philharmonia / Dorati); Strevinsky: Dumbarton Oaks (Ens Intercontemporain / Boulez)
9:05 Brahms: Piano Concerto no 1 op 15 (Gould / New York PO / Bernstein); Britten: Serenade for Tenor, Horn and Strings (Pearce / Tuckwell / London SO / Britten); Bartok: Sonata in G minor for Solo Violin (Isabelle Faust); Shostakovich: Violin Concerto no 1 op 99 (Oistrakh / New York PO / Mitropolous); Beethoven: Choral Fantasy op 80 (Monteverdi Soloists, Choir / Levin, forte piano / Revolutionary and Romantic Orch / Gardiner)
12:00 Noon with Gideon Hod – familiar music and quiz
14:06 Encore
15:00 The Voice of Music Magazine
16:00 Unknown composers: 16th century vocal music from Finland; Sweelinck: Pavana Lachrimae / Ballo del Granduca (Van Asperen, harpsichord); Forquray: Suite no 2 for Viola da Gamba and Continuo (Pandolfo / Balestracci / Lislevand / Eguez); Mozart: Sonata for Piano and Violin K454 (Vasilinova / Banchini); Lova: Song cycle (Fermillon / Garben); Françaix: Clarinet Quintet (members of Gaudier Ens)
18:00 New CDs – Works by Handel: Concerto in A for Guitar and Strings; Acis and Galatea – dramatic oratorio (Baroque Scholars Ens / Van Esch)
20:05 Amit Peled, cello / Dmitri Steinberg, piano. Beethoven: Sonata no 2 in G minor op 5/2; Avni: Elegy for Solo Cello (1967); Brahms: Sonata no 2 in F op 99
21:00 Clouds, Celebrations and Sirens
23:00 Art of the Song – Songs of Franz Schubert – program no 52 (1824-1825). (Fischer-Dieskau, baritone / Engel, piano); (Rolfe-Johnson, tenor / Johnson, piano); (Norman, soprano / Moll, piano); (Keenlyside, baritone / Martineau, piano); Fischer-Dieskau, baritone / Moore, piano); (Price, soprano / Johnson, piano); Janowitz, soprano / Gage, piano); (Fischer-Dieskau, baritone / Richter, piano)

RADIOWEST

CNN news on the hour followed by RadioWEST local news
6:00 Morning Drive with Marc Berman (until 9:00)
7:45 Sports Update
8:08 Lions Trust Financial Update
9:00 Morning Brunch with Sharon Wagner (until 12:00)
10:00 Legal Eagle with Larry Dubb
12:00 The Twersky Report with Mordechai Twersky
13:00 Memory Lane with Rebecca
14:00 M & M's Pick 'n' Mix
16:00 Afternoon Drive with Mike Reinis (until 19:00)
17:45 Sports Update
19:00 Oldies – Music & Trivia with Teisha Bader and Larry Gamliel
21:00 Staying Sane with Dr. Miriam Adahan
22:00 West Rock with Redbeard
1:00 Sleepless in Jerusalem with Aaron Katzman (until 3:00)

BBC WORLD SERVICE

6:00 The World Today
6:30 Insight
6:45 Off the Shelf: Tales From Ovid, part 8
7:00 The World Today
7:30 Outlook
7:55 Musica Brief
8:00 The World Today
8:30 Meridian Books
9:00 News
9:15 Off the Shelf: Tales From Ovid, part 9
9:30 Composer of the Month
10:00 News
10:10 Pause For Thought
10:15 Performance
10:30 Pop The Question
11:00 News
11:05 World Business Report
11:15 Wood, Guts And Brass
11:30 Science Desk II
11:45 Sports Roundup
12:00 Newsdesk
12:30 Discovery
13:00 Newsdesk
13:30 Record News
13:45 F.O.O.C.
14:00 News
14:05 World Business Report
14:15 Britain Today
14:30 Early Versions
14:45 Sports Roundup
15:00 Newshour
16:00 News
16:05 Outlook
16:30 Multitrack: X-Press
17:00 News
17:05 Sports Roundup
17:15 Westway
17:30 The Vintage Chart Show
18:00 News
18:15 Record News
18:30 Insight
18:45 Britain Today
19:00 Europe Today
19:30 World Business Report
19:45 Sports Roundup
20:00 Newsdesk
20:30 Assignment
21:00 News Summary
21:01 Outlook
21:25 Pause For Thought
21:30 John Peel
22:00 Newshour
23:00 News
23:05 World Business Report
23:15 Britain Today
23:30 Meridian Books
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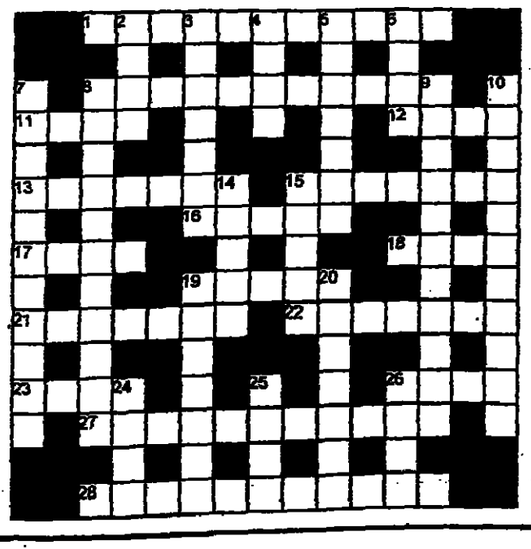
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ACROSS

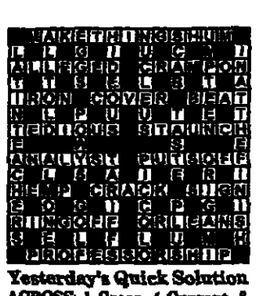
1 Very fierce soldiers horrify some scouts (5,6)
8 Drop the plates when you pass this (7,4)
11 Peaking at work (4)
12 Say, follow story (4)
13 Worker, dismissed, gets dole (4,3)
15 Live in, dressed as monk? (7)
16 Cut back fruit (5)
17 Get close to mill machine (4)
18 Propel boat with kick (4)
19 Old instrument is rare, because little used (5)
21 Hard worker becomes king later (7)
22 Petty hearing imprisoned four (7)
23 Block badger's burrow (4)
26 Kelly's unit of inheritance? (4)
27 Change of moon phases absorbing one man (4,7)
28 Policeman gets prize for beautiful writing (11)

DOWN

2 Musical instrument sharp? Not at first (4)
3 Whitewash finished in container (5-2)
4 Fresh taste of 26 down rejected (4)
5 Sketch unpopular policy (7)
6 Dad's on the way over (4)
7 Hospital got new disease investigator (11)
8 Realistic about where paratroops are going? (4-2-5)
9 Shaky performance on these in evangelical services (11)
10 He won't drink peg on counter (11)
14 German city judge (5)
15 One new obstruction for arm of sea (5)
19 After defeat, rally corps with band of musicians (7)
20 Vital policemen I found in state (7)
24 Has to leave African country (4)
25 Couple have piano to tune (4)
26 Fly over 4 (4)



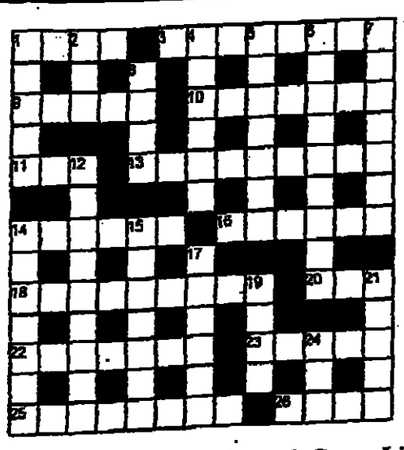
SOLUTIONS



Yesterday's Quick Solution

ACROSS: 1 Cross, 4 Currant, 8 Coconut, 9 Taste, 10 Nerve, 11 Isolate, 13 Rant, 15 Yonder, 17 Evince, 20 Impi, 22 Corrode, 24 Opine, 25 Prose, 27 Leaflet, 28 Discern, 29 Enter. DOWN: 1 Cockney, 2 Occur, 3 Sincere, 4 Catkin, 6 Ratio, 6 Abstain, 7 Theme, 12 Step, 14 Acid, 16 Nervous, 18 Violate, 19 Elector, 21 Marlin, 22 Cupid, 23 Obese, 25 Inlet.

QUICK CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1 Supply abundantly (4)
3 Turns to bone (8)
9 Hold off (5)
10 Curb Abe (anag) (4,8)
11 Chart (3)
13 Myriapod creature (9)
14 Feathers (6)
16 Deprived (6)
18 Shapeless (9)
20 Pitch (3)
22 Put in order (7)
23 Became listless (6)
25 Begs (8)
26 Sport (4)

DOWN

1 Opportunity for debate (5)
2 Cut off (3)
4 Refined (6)
5 Visualise (7)
6 Increase (9)
7 Underlying theme (7)
8 Slender (4)
12 Magnate (9)
14 Conciliate (7)
15 Cost (7)
17 Powerful (6)
19 Japanese style of wrestling (4)
21 Cowboy show (5)
24 For (3)

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TV

CHANNEL 1 (11)

6:30 News flash
6:31 News in Arabic
6:45 Good Morning Israel

EDUCATIONAL TV (11)

8:00 Jewish Sciences
8:30 Crossroad Cafe
9:00 Dealing with Dogs
9:30 Psychology
10:00 Programs for the very young
11:00 Geography
12:00 History
13:00 Music
13:30 Hanni's Room

CHANNEL 1 (11)

15:30 X Men
15:50 Eli and Lily
16:00 Astronauts
16:30 Wild Animals
16:59 A New Evening
17:35 News in English

ARABIC PROGRAMS
17:50 European Basketball – Efes Pilsen vs Maccabi Tel Aviv
18:40 News
18:55 European Basketball – contd.

HEBREW PROGRAMS
20:00 News
20:10 Monica Lewinsky – Behind the Myth – a portrait of the woman about so much is heard but little is known, including interviews with Lewinsky's friends, family and neighbors
21:00 News
21:30 Arachnophobia (1990) – comic thriller by Steven Spielberg about a family who move into a sleepy town only to have their tranquillity upset by a plague of horrendous-looking spiders. With Jeff Daniels and John Goodman
23:30 News
00:00 Time For Language

CHANNEL 2 (22)

5:45 Today's programs
5:55 On the Edge of the Shelf
6:00 The Rainbow Children
6:43 Morning with Gabi Gazit and Rivka Michaeli
9:00 Rivka Michaeli
9:55 Touched By An Angel
10:44 Counterstrike
11:34 Fold'n Festival
12:29 Jenny and the Captain
13:00 Fox's Yard
13:30 Ghost Writer
14:00 Home and Away
14:30 Tick Tack
15:00 Dave's World
15:27 Roseanne
16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
16:50 Street Corner
17:00 Five with Gadi Sukenik
17:30 Open Cards
18:00 The World's Dumbest Criminals
18:05 Caroline
18:35 Buffy the Vampire Slayer
19:25 Zbeng
20:00 News
20:31 Shemesh
21:07 Only in Israel
22:00 Rafi Reshef
23:20 To be announced

JORDAN TV (31) (unconfirmed)

15:00 Holy Koran
15:10 Superman
15:30 Time Travelers
16:30 Science
17:00 Applause
18:00 Sparks
19:00 Le Journal
19:15 French documentary series
19:30 News Headlines
19:35 Family Package
20:00 Great Romances
20:30 Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman
21:15 Science and Technology
22:00 Oprah Winfrey
22:30 Movie
00:00 Bennie Dudley

MIDDLE EAST TV (24/27) (unconfirmed)

7:30 700 Club
8:00 TV Shopping
15:00 Portrait of a Marriage
15:30 Jack Hanna
16:00 Larry King
17:00 700 Club
17:30 World News
18:00 911 Rescue Force
19:00 Undercover Agent
20:00 Global Problems
21:00 Deadly Encounter (1982)
22:30 Ed Sullivan Show
23:00 Late at Night with David Letterman
23:35 CNN Entertainment
00:00 TV Shopping
2:00 700 Club

CABLE

ITV 3 (33)

16:00 Dictator
17:00 Panorama
17:30 From Day To Day
18:00 The Tempest
19:00 News in Arabic
19:30 News in Russian
20:00 Russia Now
20:30 Telekessel
21:00 News
21:30 Café Theater
22:30 Against the Wind (1949) – classic World War II thriller about British spies being trained for infiltration into France. With Robert Beatty, Simone Signoret and Jack Warner

ETV 2 (23)

15:30 I'm In Love with the Truth
16:00 Hot Science
16:30 Sesame Street
17:00 Arabic Calligraphy
17:15 Nature's Call
17:40 Arabic Stories
18:00 Destinos
18:30 Art Workshop
19:00 Jewish Studies
19:25 Little Big Country
19:30 Vis-a-vis
20:00 A New Evening
20:30 Golden Age
20:55 Little Big Country
21:00 Great Composers: Catching the Snake
22:00 In the Heat of the Night
22:45 Europe's Heritage

CHANNEL 3

7:00 Good Evening with Guy Pines (rpt)
7:30 Love Story with Yossi Siyas (rpt)
8:00 Celeste
9:00 One Life to Live (rpt)
9:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt)
10:30 Days of Our Lives
11:15 Angels Don't Cry
12:00 Barnaby Jones
12:45 Dallas
13:30 Newsradio
14:00 Bewitched
14:25 I Dream of Jeannie
14:50 Days of Our Lives
15:35 Judge Judy
16:00 Angels Don't Cry
16:45 One Life to Live
17:30 Love Story with Yossi Siyas
18:00 Good Evening with Guy Pines
18:30 Local Broadcast
19:00 The Young and the Restless
19:40 Melrose Place
20:25 ER
21:10 Law and Order
22:00 Yair Lapid Live at 10
22:30 Seinfeld
23:00 Ricki Lake
23:45 Good Evening with Guy Pines
00:15 Profiler
1:00 Silk Stalkings
1:45 Due South
2:30 Swift Justice
3:20 Poltergeist
4:05 Mr. and Mrs. Smith

MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

11:30 The Night Before (1988) – a teenage nerd awakens the morning after the prom in a dark alley and tries to remember what happened to him, to his father's car, and to his date. With Keanu Reeves and Lori Loughlin
13:05 The Big Combo (1954) – raw and powerful film noir about a policeman's pursuit of a cruel racketeering gang leader. With Cornel Wilde, Jean Wallace and Brian Donlevy
14:35 Quico (Spanish, 1997) – telenovella-style drama about an overprotective mother who ruins her son's life trying to shelter him
15:35 Abduction of Innocence (1996) – a rich girl is kidnapped and released after ransom is paid. When she helps find the kidnappers, they claim she was part of the plot. With Dirk Benedict and Lucie Arnaz
17:10 Lawnmower Man 2: Beyond Cyberspace (1996) – sequel to the cult sci-fi thriller. Jobe, the virtual-reality idiot savant, is back with another plot to take over the world through mastery of a computer chip. With Patrick Bergin and Matt Frewer
18:50 Twisted Desire (1996) – thriller based on a true story. A teenage girl convinces a young, love-struck ex-con that the only way they can be together is to do away with her domineering parents. With Daniel Baldwin
20:25 Sixteen Candles (1984) – romantic comedy about a girl on her 16th birthday and her dreams of finding true love. With Molly Ringwald, Anthony Michael Hall and Michael Schoeffling
22:00 Shadow Conspiracy (1997) – thriller about a White House whiz-kid who stumbles upon a conspiracy and then finds himself the target of assassins. With Charlie Sheen, Donald Sutherland, Sam Waterston, Ben Gazzara and Linda Hamilton
23:40 Bullet (1995) – a former crime lord is released from prison and sets out to regain his status and avenge himself upon his enemies. With Mickey Rourke, Ted Levine and Tupac Shakur
1:15 Dream Master (1995) – erotic
2:45 Mr. Stitch (1995, 94 mins.) – sci-fi thriller about a scientist who puts together a humanoid creature using limbs taken from several bodies. The creature retrieves the memories of the original owners of his parts

CHILDREN (6)

6:30 Cartoons
9:00 Barney
9:30 Arthur
10:05 The Smurfs
10:35 Ninja Turtles
11:00 Batman and Robin
11:25 Peter Pan and the Pirates
11:50 Cow and Chicken
12:20 Family Matters
12:50 Moesha
13:20 Tweety and Sylvester
13:30 Little Bear
13:45 Sharky and George
14:10 Princess Sissy
14:35 The Smurfs
15:05 Ninja Turtles
15:30 Samurai Pizza Kids
15:55 Peter Pan and the Pirates
16:15 Bobby's World
16:40 The Cosby Show
17:20 Weird Science
17:45 Lois and Clark
18:30 Moesha
19:00 Police Academy
19:55 Married with Children
20:20 The Fresh Prince of Bel Air
20:40 Full House
21:10 Party of Five

SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 The Magnificent Ambersons (1942) – superb drama based on Booth Tarkington's novel of an aristocratic family refusing to adapt to changing times. With Tim Holt, Joseph Cotten and Dolores Costello. Directed by Orson Welles
23:30 Our Vines Have Tender Grapes (1945, 105 mins.) – dramatic and insightful view of life among Scandinavian immigrants in a small Wisconsin farming town. With Edward G. Robinson, Margaret O'Brien and Frances Gifford

CHANNEL 8

6:00 Open University (rpts from Wednesday at 23:30)
8:00 Life in the Wild (rpt)
8:25 Decisive Weapons: Cold Steel (rpt)
9:00 Future Quest: The Medicine Show (rpt)
9:30 Wonders of the Weather: Killer Weather
9:50 Guggenheim: Frank Lloyd Wright (rpt)
10:50 The Bauhaus
11:40 Karl Boehm – portrait of the conductor who led the Vienna Philharmonic for nearly 50 years
12:45 World Discoveries: Birds of the Fall Valley
13:15 Great Crimes and Trials (rpt)
13:45 Beyond 2000 (rpt)
14:10 Wildshots: Foxy Tricks (rpt)
14:35 The Magic of Alchemy (rpt)
15:25 UFOs: The First Encounter (rpt)
16:10 Human Nature
17:00 Open University: Beyond the Mechanical Universe
17:30 Open University: Understanding Modern Society
18:00 Open University: Journey Through the Solar System – Venus
18:30 Open University: Archeology
19:00 World Discoveries: Pushkar, an Indian Festival (rpt)
19:35 Great Crimes and Trials: John Dillinger (rpt)
20:05 Beyond 2000
20:30 Wildshots: Hidden Worlds – all the amateur nature photographer needs to know
21:00 Richard the Lionheart – a portrait of the king of England, who took over the throne from his parents and led the Third Crusade
21:50 1914-1918, The Great War, part 1 – seven-part BBC documentary about the war that changed the world
22:40 The Bauhaus (rpt)
23:30 Open University: Battle for Economic Supremacy
00:30 Open University: Sociological Imagination
1:00 Open University: Database Marketing

STAR WORLD (18/15)

6:00 CI5, The New Professionals
7:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
8:00 Santa Barbara
9:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
9:30 Hawaii Cooks
10:00 Snowy River, the McGregor Saga
11:00 Jack Hanna's Animal Adventures
11:30 Small Wonder
12:00 The Brittas Empire
12:30 World News
13:00 World Business Report
13:30 Home Improvement
14:00 Volcanos
15:00 Walker, Texas Ranger
16:00 Thiefiakers
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20:00 Thiefiakers
21:00 Home Improvement
21:30 Newhart
22:00 The Brittas Empire
22:30 The Bold and the Beautiful
23:00 The Wonder Years
23:30 Mr. Belvedere
00:00 Aerobics Oz Style
00:30 World News
1:00 Home Improvement
1:30 Candid Camera
2:00 Jack Hanna's Animal Adventures
2:30 Brittas Empire

BBC WORLD (13/14)

News on the hour
6:30 USA Direct
7:30 The Money Program
8:30 The Net (rpt)
9:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
10:30 The Money Program (rpt)
11:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
12:30 Holiday (rpt)
13:00 The World Today
14:30 Wild World: The Living Planet, part 18
15:00 World News and Business Report
15:30 The World Today
16:30 Top Gear (rpt)
17:30 Hard Talk with Tim Sebastian
18:30 Moneywise – consumer magazine
19:30 The Net
20:00 The World Today
20:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
21:30 Panorama
22:00 World News and Business Report
22:30 Panorama
23:30 Earth Report: California
00:10 Europe Direct
1:00 World News and Business Report
1:15 Asia Today (rpt)

CNN INTERNATIONAL (12)

News throughout the day
5:15 American Edition
6:30 World Report
7:00 CNN This Morning
7:30 Insight (rpt)
8:00 CNN This Morning
8:30 Moneyline (rpt)
9:00 CNN This Morning
9:30 World Sport
10:00 CNN This Morning
10:30 Showbiz Today
11:00 Larry King (rpt)
12:30 World Sport
13:30 American Edition
13:45 World Report: As They See It
14:30 Science and Technology
15:15 News & Business Asia
16:30 Insight
17:30 World Sport
18:30 Travel Guide
19:00 Larry King Live (rpt)
20:45 American Edition
21:30 World Business Today
22:30 Q&A with Riz Khan
23:00 News Europe
23:30 Insight (rpt)
00:00 World Business Today
00:30 World Sport
1:00 World View
1:30 Moneyline Newshour
2:30 Showbiz Today

SKY NEWS (14/13)

News on the hour
6:00 World News
6:30 CBS Evening News
7:30 ABC World News
8:00 Sunrise
12:30 ABC Nightline
13:30 Sky World News
16:30 Your Call
18:30 Sky World News
19:00 Live at Five
21:30 Sportline
22:30 Sky Business Report
23:30 Sky World News
00:00 Prime Time
2:30 CBS Evening News

CHANNEL 5 (05)

6:30 Bodies in Motion
15:00 World Volleyball Championships
16:00 Bodies in Motion
16:30 Korac Cup Basketball
18:00 Motorsports
18:30 Israeli League Soccer
19:30 Sports News
20:00 French League Soccer
21:30 Boxing
22:30 Dutch League Soccer
00:00 World Volleyball Championships

EUROSPORT (15/16)

9:30 Sailing
10:00 Mountain Biking
11:00 Weightlifting
13:00 Motorsports
14:00 Live Tennis – from Moscow
17:30 Live Tennis – from Stockholm
19:00 Weightlifting
20:00 Live Weightlifting – from Lahti, Finland
22:00 Strongest Man
23:00 Boxing
00:00 Soccer – World Cup Legends (rpt)
1:00 Motorsports

PRIME TIME TV

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19:30		Zbeng				Great Crimes and Trials
20:00	News Monica Lewinsky	News	Melrose Place		Married with Children	Beyond 2000
20:30		Shemesh	ER	Sixteen Candles	Fresh Prince of Bel Air	Wildshots: Hidden Worlds
21:00	News	Only in Israel	Law and Order		Full House	Richard the Lionheart
21:30	Arachnophobia				Beverly Hills 90210	
22:00		Rafi Reshef	Yair Lapid Live at 10	Shadow Conspiracy	The Magnificent Ambersons	1914-1918, The Great War
22:30			Seinfeld			
23:00			Ricki Lake			The Bauhaus

MOVIES

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Chelsea crush Arsenal 5-0

LONDON (Reuters) – Chelsea handed Arsenal their worst home defeat for 73 years yesterday when they thrashed their London rivals 5-0 to reach the quarter-finals of the League Cup.

Chelsea, also through to the last eight of the Cup Winners' Cup, had little difficulty at Highbury against a below-strength Arsenal side short of motivation for a competition that coach Arsene Wenger would rather not have to play.

It was Arsenal's worst home defeat since February 1925 when Huddersfield Town beat them 5-0.

It was also their worst loss of any sort since 1985 when they went down 6-1 at Everton in the old first division and their worst result against Chelsea in 90 years of games between the two clubs.

Manchester United also progressed to the last eight, beating Nottingham Forest 2-1, as did Leicester who came from behind to beat Leeds by the same score.

In the quarter-finals, Chelsea will visit Wimbledon, Tottenham host Manchester United, Everton or Sunderland meet second divison Luton and Leicester are up against Blackburn.

SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL – How Israeli teams fared in European Cup competitions last night:

Saporta Cup: Charleroi (Belgium) 66, Hapoel Jerusalem 64;Wroclaw (Poland) 75, Hapoel Eilat 58.

Korac Cup: Maccabi Rishon 72, Bamberg (Germany) 62; Apollon Patras (Greece) 74, Maccabi Ra'anana 52; Galil Elyon 75, Pompeia Roma 77.



ON TARGET AGAIN, BUT TO NO AVAIL – Newcastle's Alan Shearer slots the ball past Blackburn's floored 'keeper John Filan as the two sides clashed in the League Cup at St. James' Park last night. The two sides drew 1-1 after extra-time, but Blackburn went through 4-2 on penalties. (Reuters)

Evans's job in jeopardy as Liverpool disentegrate

LIVERPOOL (AP) – The co-management partnership of Roy Evans and Gerard Houllier appears doomed as Liverpool, one of English soccer's most storied clubs, slides deeper into crisis.

Pressure was mounting yesterday for Evans to resign or be fired following two straight humiliating home defeats – 2-1 to Derby in the league last Saturday and 3-1 to Tottenham in the League Cup on Tuesday night.

To make things worse, 18-year-old star striker Michael Owen injured his hamstring while scoring the consolation goal Tuesday night (see story Page 18).

What's more, midfielder Steve McManaman is out for at least six weeks with a recurrence of an Achilles injury.

Liverpool fans jeered and booed the team off the Anfield pitch Tuesday night. The headlines in Wednesday's tabloids blared: "End of the Roy Ride," "Evans: the End," and "Can it get any worse?" There was widespread speculation that Evans would soon be ousted, leaving Houllier in sole charge of a club which lags 11th in the Premier League standings, nine points behind leader Aston Villa.

It's all a far cry from the glory days at Liverpool, one of the world's most famous and decorated clubs. The Reds have won a record 18 English league championships, five FA Cups, five League Cups, four European Cups and two UEFA Cups.

But little has gone right since Evans, who has been with the club as a player or in management for 30 years, took over as manager in January 1994. The only trophy the club has won under Evans is the lightly-regarded League Cup in 1995.

Evans' position was already considered weakened when Houllier, the former French national coach and technical director, was brought in as co-manager this season.

While there has been no open hostility or disagreement between the two, the consensus has always been that the arrangement would not last and Houllier would be the one to survive.

The two presented a united front to the media after Tuesday's defeat.

"It is the situation at the club that worries me and everyone else here more than anything else," Evans said. "It's more important than my scenario. I can come into press conferences and keep saying the same thing, it doesn't change at the end of the day.

"Of course, I am disappointed, but the only way out of this decline is hard work. We have to try to rebuild the confidence with the players. We have to battle through this, and we may end up stronger for it." Evans, however, may not be around to witness it.

Israel hosting European under-18 qualifying tourney

By OFER ROMEN-ABELS

The national under-18 teams of England, Spain, Andorra and Israel will compete next week in a quadrangular European Championship qualifying tournament which will be in Ashdod, Ashkelon and Kiryat Gat.

"We battled really hard to host this tournament, and as both England and Spain couldn't agree between them who would be the host, UEFA decided to let us host it instead," Yaacov Erel, the Israel Football Association's general manager, told a press conference in Tel Aviv yesterday.

The structure of the tournament, explained Erel, will act as a model for a bigger tournament Israel would like to host (the under-16 European finals) but he added that UEFA will be sending two officials in December who will carry out the first of a series of inspections to determine whether the IFA is capable of hosting such a tournament.

All games will be played at 11a.m. as the IFA expect schoolboys from within the Lachish region to fill the stadia.

Maccabi Haifa's Yossi Benayoun and Yaniv Katan are both eligible for selection despite belonging to the under-21 squad, they both completed their first training session with their new teammates yesterday at Ramat Gan and are expected to be the leaders of the side.

Strangely enough, while the players of England and Spain have been released by their clubs for international duty, the IFA was unable to force the clubs to release their players from this weekend's league fixtures.

Therefore, both Benayoun and Katan, who played against SV Ried last Thursday and against Ironi Rishon Lezion on Monday, will have to play Bnei Yehuda on Saturday only two days before Israel kick off against Andorra.

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Beaten Sampras can take welcome break

STOCKHOLM (Reuters) – Pete Sampras appeared more relieved than upset after losing his first round match to Australian Jason Stoltenberg in the Stockholm Open yesterday.

Stoltenberg won 7-6 4-6 6-4 but Sampras knows he can now take a well-earned rest before attempting to retain his world No. 1 ranking for a sixth consecutive year in the season-ending ATP Tour finals in Hannover, Germany, later this month.

"I need a little sunshine right now, I need to get away from the game. At this point it's time to go home and relax and then come back in Hannover," said the American, who has been on the road for the last six weeks.

Stoltenberg said: "Well, I am a little bit surprised. I have lost to him a couple of times and did not expect to win.

"The crowd wanted a close match and I couldn't have written a better script on the ending myself."

Britain's Greg Rusedski, who beat Sampras in the Paris Open final on Sunday, eliminated Germany's Tommy Haas 6-1 6-4 in the first round.

The world No. 11 dominated the first set and impressed the crowd by not letting Haas win a single point on the German's own service. Haas took only 10 points in the first set as Rusedski swept by.

In the second set Rusedski finally let the German into the match but never lost control and cruised to a comfortable victory.

"It was a good match today, it's always tough after a big win to come back in a first round match," he said.

Rusedski seemed relaxed about whether he would qualify for Hannover. "I will try to do my best and if it works it works," he said.

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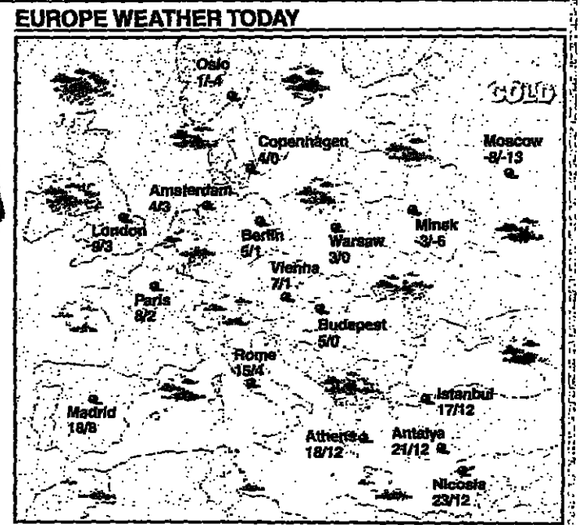
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EUROPE WEATHER TODAY



Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

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City	Today High/Low	Today W	Friday High/Low	Friday W	Saturday High/Low	Saturday W	Sunday High/Low	Sunday W
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Ariel	23/73	10/50/pc	25/77	12/53/s	23/73	10/50/pc	25/77	12/53/pc
Beersheba	24/75	12/53/s	25/79	12/53/s	24/75	10/50/pc	26/79	12/53/pc
Dead Sea	29/84	16/61/pc	31/88	18/64/s	29/84	16/61/pc	31/88	18/64/pc
Eilat	30/86	20/68/s	32/89	22/71/s	30/86	20/68/pc	32/89	22/71/pc
Haifa	26/79	18/64/pc	25/79	20/68/s	24/75	18/61/pc	26/79	18/64/pc
Jerusalem	23/73	10/50/s	25/77	12/53/s	23/73	10/50/pc	25/77	12/53/pc
Katzrin	24/75	9/48/pc	26/79	11/52/s	24/75	9/48/pc	26/79	11/52/pc
Netanya	24/75	16/61/pc	25/79	18/64/s	24/75	16/61/pc	26/79	18/64/pc
Tel Aviv	25/77	17/62/pc	27/80	19/66/s	25/77	15/59/pc	25/77	17/62/pc
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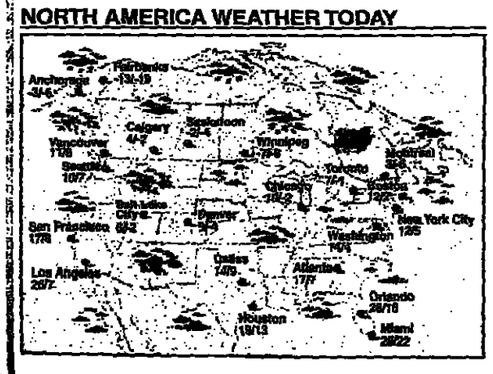
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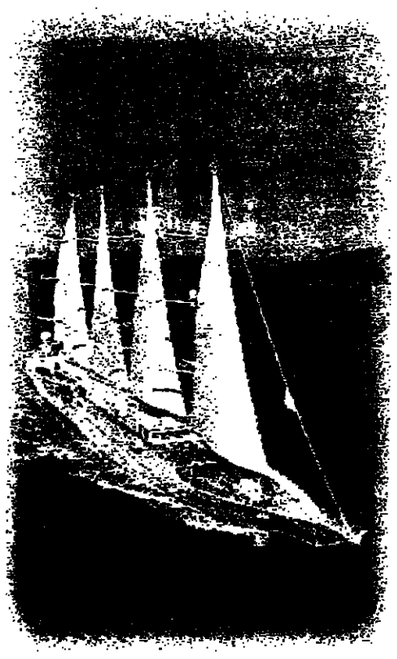
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Amsterdam	4/39	3/37/r	7/44	3/37/sh	4/39	-1/31/sh
Beijing	19/66	7/44/s	22/71	12/53/s	22/71	8/46/r
Berlin	5/41	1/34/pc	3/37	0/32/c	3/37	-2/29/sn
Brussels	4/39	1/34/sn	5/41	3/37/sn	4/39	-1/31/sh
Cairo	25/77	13/55/s	27/80	16/61/s	25/77	16/61/pc
Chicago	10/50	-2/29/pc	8/46	1/34/pc	11/52	2/35/sh
Frankfurt	3/37	-1/31/sn	2/35	-1/31/sn	1/34	-3/27/sn
Hong Kong	25/77	18/64/s	24/75	21/70/s	26/79	22/71/c
Johannesburg	25/77	14/57/pc	29/84	17/62/pc	29/84	18/64/pc
London	9/48	3/37/sh	9/48	1/34/c	7/44	1/34/sh
Los Angeles	26/79	7/44/s	26/79	10/50/s	26/79	11/52/pc
Madrid	18/64	8/46/pc	19/66	9/48/c	18/64	6/43/s
Mexico City	22/71	9/48/pc	23/71	11/52/pc	22/71	9/48/pc
Montreal	3/37	-6/22/c	-3/27	-11/13/c	1/34	-5/22/s
Moscow	-8/18	-13/9/pc	-7/20	-10/15/sn	-5/22	-9/16/sn
New York	12/53	5/41/s	9/48	3/37/pc	11/52	6/43/pc
Paris	6/46	2/35/sh	6/43	0/32/c	6/43	0/32/pc
Prague	2/35	-2/29/c	1/34	-4/25/sn	1/34	-5/24/sf
Rio de Janeiro	24/75	19/66/c	25/77	21/70/c	26/79	21/70/sh
Rome	15/59	4/39/pc	14/57	8/46/c	18/64	8/46/s
Sydney	23/73	20/68/r	25/77	19/66/r	24/75	19/66/c
Tokyo	16/61	9/48/s	16/61	14/57/s	18/64	14/57/pc
Toronto	7/44	-1/31/c	1/34	-1/31/c	9/48	1/34/pc
Vienna	7/44	1/34/pc	3/37	0/32/c	4/39	-2/29/sh
Warsaw	3/37	0/32/sn	1/34	-5/24/c	1/34	-4/25/sn
Washington	14/57	4/39/s	12/53	3/37/pc	12/53	6/43/sh
Zurich	4/39	0/32/sn	3/37	0/32/sn	3/37	-2/29/pc

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